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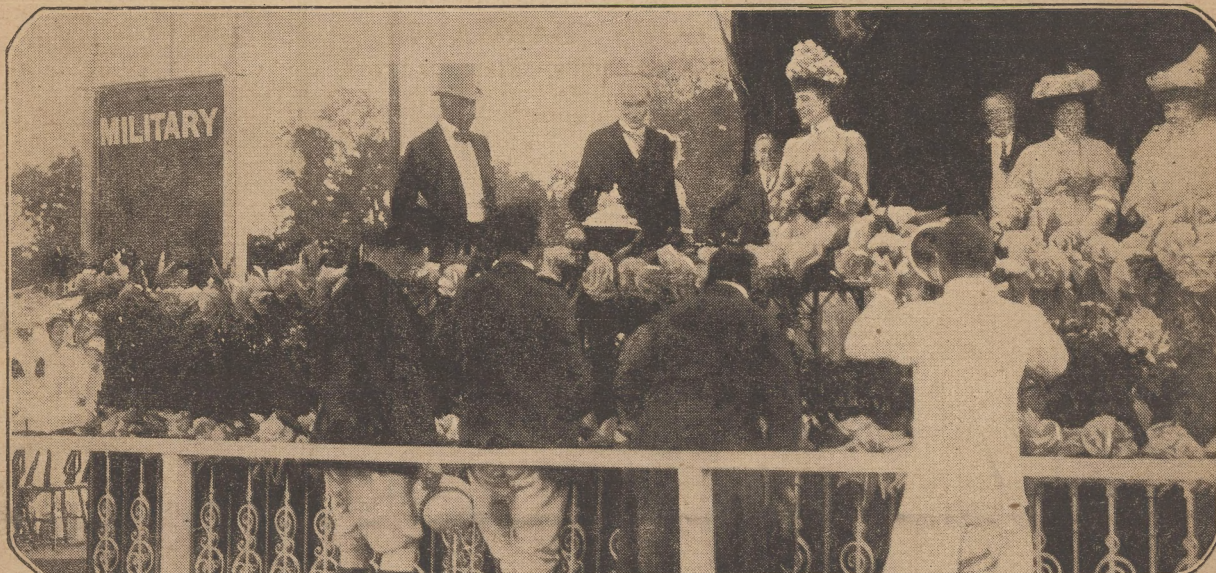
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QUEEN ALEXANDRA AND THE ARMY POLO CHAMPIONS.



After the conclusion of the final game in the inter-regimental polo tournament at Hurlingham on Saturday the Queen presented the prize, a massive silver loving-cup, to the victors, who forthwith drank to her Majesty's health from it as shown by the photograph. The Duke of Connaught will be noticed on the left of the royal group. His Royal Highness was wearing a light grey tall hat as a concession to the sultry weather. The Duchess of Connaught is to the right of the Queen.

WAR MINISTER WATCHING VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS AT VICTORIA PARK.



A snapshot of the Secretary of State for War, taken in Victoria Park on Saturday during the inspection of the East London Royal Engineers.



Another photograph of Mr. Arnold-Forster at the East London Royal Engineers' inspection. Mr. Arnold-Forster, who was present in an unofficial capacity, was evidently much interested in the parade and march past of the men, numbering about 1,100. The inspecting officer was Colonel N. Lake, R.E., the chief engineer of the London district.

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JAPAN SEIZES RUSSIAN ISLAND.

Descent on the Convict
Station of Saghalien.

FEEBLE DEFENCE.

Grim Romance of the Botany Bay
of Russia.

The "Matin" states that it has been officially announced in St. Petersburg that the Japanese are now in possession of Saghalien and the Russians are in retreat.

The attack on the island was made by a squadron consisting of two battleships, seven cruisers, and a flotilla of smaller craft, with ten transports containing a landing force.

Baron Komura and the other members of the Peace Commission have left Tokio for Washington.

TSAR'S MURDERLAND.

Saghalien and Its Criminal Inhabitants.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Japanese have at last carried the war into the enemy's own country. Hitherto all the fighting has been done on Chinese or Korean soil; but, by the landing of an expedition on the island of Saghalien, our victorious allies have at last set foot on the actual soil of Holy Russia herself.

Saghalien, a long, narrow island, situated close to the eastern coast of Siberia, from which it is separated by the Gulf of Tartary, was taken from the Japanese in 1875, so that by its recapture from the Russians our friends will only be "getting their own back."

The conquest of Saghalien should give little trouble. Its two principal settlements, Alexandrovsk and Karsokol, are armed with a few quick-firers, and about twenty guns of all calibres were taken from the Russian cruiser Novik when she was driven ashore by the Chitose after the naval battle of last August.

COURAGEOUS NURSES.

In one sense only is Saghalien ready for war. Anticipating an early attack on the island, a body of the most adventurous army nurses in Russia set out for Alexandrovsk immediately after the beginning of hostilities.

The island itself is second only to New Caledonia and what was once Botany Bay in point of a peculiar kind of interest. Saghalien is Russia's great penal settlement, and the majority of its inhabitants are either convicts themselves or the descendants of convicts.

"It is uncomfortable to know," writes a recent visitor, "that the surly-faced woman who enters your room in the morning with a light breakfast is a murderer. It does not add to your contentment to learn, when part of your breakfast has been removed, that the barber is also a murderer; and you readily obey the injunction not to leave the house after the six o'clock curfew has been rung."

A BANDIT PRIEST.

Perhaps the most notorious of the many strange characters who have been deported to Saghalien is Father Putilin, who escape from the island was announced by telegram about a month ago, much to the dismay of the peace-loving residents of Eastern Siberia. Many newspapers suggested that he would return to the scenes of his former crimes, but the authorities inclined to the belief that Putilin, who was familiar with every detail of the defences of the island, would offer his services to the Japanese. This was the more likely, as the criminal priest had, owing to his immense strength and social qualities, been given a great amount of liberty, and had, moreover, been one of the prime movers in the formation of a convict regiment to resist the enemies of the Tsar.

Putilin's escape is a remarkable one. For years, sheltered behind his holy office, he had carried on the most lucrative business of robber and murderer that Eastern Siberia has ever known. Associated with three of his brothers (all priests) he would leave his church at midnight and crack a crib or cut a throat with an equal indifference. The police were at the end of their resources to discover the origin of these nocturnal trimes, when an anonymous letter was received, suggesting that a brass-bound chest under Father Putilin's altar would, if searched, be found to contain most valuable stolen property.

Concealing themselves in the church at midnight, police and detectives, to their amazement, saw their honoured priest blessing his three masked brothers, and sprinkling their revolvers with holy water. At the trial, when Putilin was sentenced to penal servitude for life, no fewer than seventeen murders were brought home to the criminal quartet of robber-clergymen.

TRAGEDY OF THE SUBMARINE.

Ill-Fated Vessel Still Under the
Mediterranean Waves.

ALL HOPE LOST.

Never was there a more grim tragedy than that of the ill-fated French submarine which foundered off the coast of Algeria.

The latest news shows there is no doubt that the crew have died a lingering death.

The submarine sank on Thursday afternoon with thirteen men on board. On Friday afternoon she was brought to the surface, and six men imprisoned in the stern compartments were communicated with, but the hawes broke, the submarine sank again, and all signals from the men having ceased there can be little doubt they have all succumbed after a long wait for death, the horrors of which can only be imagined.

BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE.

Imprisoned Men Given Air, but the Sub-
marine Again Sinks.

The following details concerning the attempts to raise the Farfadet are now to hand, says Reuter's Paris correspondent.

The six sailors imprisoned in the Farfadet, who at nine o'clock in the morning signalled that they were beginning to breathe with difficulty, at half-past ten made the men engaged in the rescue work understand that all would be over in a quarter of an hour.

Admiral Aubert then ordered an attempt to be made to lift the Farfadet by the stern till her after hatchway was above the surface, that being the only way of giving the distressed sailors relief in a few minutes.

TALK WITH IMPRISONED MEN.

The vessel being raised by the stern and the after hatch brought out of water, it was found possible to renew the air in her after compartment through a small port-hole and to talk with the six men imprisoned in that compartment.

The hatch, the aim of all the efforts, had been got about a yard out of the water when the crane broke and the submarine fell back, her bows again sinking into the mud. A second attempt failed.

At five o'clock in the afternoon the sailors replied to the divers for the last time.

From words exchanged when the Farfadet's stern was out of water the imprisoned men appear at no time to have given way to frenzy or despair.

OPEN DOOR IN MOROCCO.

France and Germany Agreeing Over Question
That Once Threatened War.

Prince Radolin, representing Germany, was received by M. Rouvier at Paris on Saturday evening, when an understanding was arrived at, the details of which are to be laid before their respective Governments next week.

Under this, says Reuter, France agrees to the International Conference proposed by the Sultan of Morocco, and Germany takes note of the treaties concluded by France regarding Morocco with other nations.

The sovereignty of the Sultan is recognised, and the integrity of Moroccan territory proclaimed, while the Note mentions, from the commercial point of view, the maintenance of "the open door" in Morocco.

All details will be settled by the International Conference.

TRAGEDY SUCCEEDS DISASTER.

During the German naval manoeuvres near Kiel the cruiser Worth collided with the torpedo-boat S124, cutting her completely in two.

Exchange telegram, and First-Lieutenant Nirmheim, who was in command, has, according to Reuter, since committed suicide by shooting himself in his house at Kiel.

KING'S VISIT TO LORD REDESDALE.

The two-mile-long avenue from Moreton-in-the-Marsh to Batsford Park, Lord Redesdale's Gloucestershire seat, was gay with flags on the occasion of the King's arrival on Saturday. The guests at Batsford include Major Holford, Equerry to the King, the Austrian Ambassador, Lord Esher, the Dowager-Countess of Dudley, and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

The Queen, with Princess Victoria and the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, witnessed the polo at Hurlingham on Saturday afternoon.

PAUL JONES, DIPLOMAT.

Great Privateer, Though Dead, Assists
Franco-American Friendship.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CHERBOURG, Saturday.—Amid impressive scenes the remains of Paul Jones were to-day conveyed by the French torpedo-boat Zouave to the U.S. cruiser Brooklyn, thus marking the final act of a romantic transfer that has been full of evidences of Franco-American friendship.

Cherbourg was bedecked with American and French flags, and as soon as the coffin, bearing many floral tributes, including a cross from the daughter of the Prefet Maritime, was placed on the American ship, salutes were fired by both French and American vessels.

The American squadron left Cherbourg at five o'clock this evening.

The remains of Paul Jones are to be taken to Annapolis, Maryland, U.S.A., where a mausoleum has been erected to receive them.

CHILDREN ABDUCTED.

Mother's Ruse to Resist Court's Order
Regarding Her Little Ones.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Sunday.—A strange complication has arisen in the matrimonial dispute between Dr. Dally, an American physician, and his wife.

A few months ago the doctor and his wife mutually brought an action against each other for divorce, which was granted by the Court, and which gave the custody of the two children, Helen and Edith, aged nine and seven years respectively, to the father.

Mme. Dally appealed against this decision, and at her request the Court subsequently confided the custody of the children to her brother and his wife. Dr. Dally, in his turn, successfully appealed, and the Court reversed the order.

Mme. Dally thereupon determined to abduct her children. She called upon her brother-in-law, Mr. Hawkins, and stated that she was about to act as godmother to the child of her former maid, and as she would pass the day in the country, she thought it would be a favourable opportunity to give the two girls an outing. Mr. Weldon Hawkins had no objection to this proposal, and Mme. Dally departed with her children. Since then the trio has completely disappeared.

LADY JACK TARS.

Dying Millionaire's Freak To Have His Yacht
"Manned" by a Feminine Crew.

Knocking he was doomed to die of consumption, Stanislas Kuchotin, a young Sou Russian millionaire, who had won a reputation as an amazing spendthrift, decided upon a final voyage in the Levant on his yacht under novel conditions.

Excepting the master and the mate, all the crew were pretty ladies whom the eccentric millionaire desired to train into efficient seamen.

"He kept spick and span by pretty lady sailors, attired in tasteful and suitable costumes of dark blue serge. "The duties are no more exacting than housework," said one of the fair crew.

"I hinted that such attractive ladies and skilful seamen would be likely to find husbands before the cruise was over, but she replied with a pout, 'Not on this yacht! What are three men among so many?'"

FRIEND OF THE DUMB.

Old Maid's Fancy for Animals No Sign
of Lunacy.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Sunday.—The court has upheld the will of Mlle. Mamere, the elderly Parisian spinster who committed suicide some time ago, leaving her modest fortune to the Jardin des Plantes and the Society for the Protection of Animals.

The bequest, she stated, was a reminder of her friendship for animals, and the charm she had found in nature.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Mr. Edward Hall, hotel proprietor, of Deal, was killed and two men were injured in a motor-car accident at Strood, Kent, yesterday.

Two youths named Whitside and Charnley, while bathing at Blackpool yesterday, were swept out to sea and drowned in the sight of crowds of people.

M. Jaures (France) and Herr Bebel (Germany) have been invited by the Independent Labour Party to address a Socialist demonstration in London.

MUTINY ENDS.

Crew of the Potemkin Yield to the
Rumanian Government.

TSAR'S STRANGE SPEECH.

The meeting of the Kniaz Potemkin and the consort torpedo-boat is now at an end.

This is not due to the efforts of the Black Sea Fleet, but to the deliberate choice of the mutineers themselves. They have surrendered to the Rumanian authorities, who will treat them as deserters, thus saving them from punishment at the hands of the Russian Government.

It is believed that the Tsar will now summon a representative assembly, a belief supported by the strange speech made by the Emperor to a loyal deputation.

The Sultan of Turkey has taken advantage of Russia's weakness in the Black Sea to strengthen the forts at the Bosphorus with heavy guns.

SURRENDER.

Potemkin Pirates Yield to the Government
of Rumania.

BUKHAREST, Saturday.—The Rumanian flag now floats over the Kniaz Potemkin and her consort, torpedo-boat No. 2. The crews have been landed, and are being conveyed in small parties to different places in Rumania.

This settlement of a difficult problem was effected after various negotiations and discussions between the Rumanian authorities and those in charge of the mutinous Russian vessels. The Rumanian officers called upon the Russians to surrender, in which case they would be treated on Rumanian soil as foreign deserters, or else to quit the port forthwith.

Apparently the Russian vessels came for the purpose of giving themselves up to a foreign Government, and they were easily persuaded to accede to the Rumanian terms. The surrender actually took place at one o'clock this afternoon.

The Russians will be conveyed to any frontier which they may choose and will there be set at liberty. An undertaking to this effect was given by the Rumanian authorities, who, however, declined to acquiesce in the claim of the mutineers to the treasure on board the Potemkin.

The Rumanian flag flying over the Russian war-vessels is a bar to any attack upon them in Rumanian waters by the different vessels of the Russian squadron reported to be in pursuit of the mutineers.—Reuter.

MUTINY OF SEAMEN.

Naval Battalions in St. Petersburg Barracks
Openly Revolt.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday.—There has been a serious outbreak among the men of the 14th and 15th Naval Battalions stationed in the Krinkovski Barracks here.

The windows and everything inside the barracks were smashed. The officers have been summoned to their posts.

A general strike of workmen was decided upon to-day for political reasons. It commences on Monday.

A great meeting is proposed for July 22, on which day six months will have passed since "Red Sunday."—Reuter.

"GOD PUNISHES US."

Tsar's Strange Speech to a Deputation of Loyal
Zemstvoists.

On the 4th inst the Tsar received a deputation of Zemstvoists and others. To their loyal professions, Reuter says, the Tsar replied as follows:—

"I thank you all sincerely for the ideas and sentiments you have expressed. I am especially happy to see that you are moved by devotion to the old traditions of our country. A State cannot be strong and solid unless it religiously preserves its old traditions. We ourselves have sinned in this respect, and perhaps that is why God is punishing us. In regard to the apprehensions expressed by you, I must tell you that life itself will indicate to us the means to remove the defects and errors which may exist in the great work I have projected for the welfare of my subjects. I am sure that you all, and each of you among his associates, will aid me to restore peace and tranquillity in our country, and thus render me the service I expect from all my subjects, and I am sure that in doing so God will assist you."

CALLING A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

PARIS, Saturday.—A telegram to the "Echo de Paris" from St. Petersburg says it is reported there that the Tsar will shortly issue a manifesto ordering the calling of a national assembly.—Reuter.

TROPICAL HEAT ENDS IN THUNDER.

Saturday the Hottest Day of a
Brilliant Summer.

83 IN THE SHADE.

All England was baked and broiled during the week-end by the hottest temperature experienced since the dog-days of last summer.

The thermometer on Saturday, in a spirit of sheer summer exuberance, sprang to 83deg. in the shade, driving those fortunate who could escape to the shady riverside or the wave-laved coast, and leaving metropolitan captives the victims of overwhelming lassitude.

Yesterday in London was one of almost unbearable heat. True there were thunder showers—one which filled the parched gutters at midday and another in the evening of some severity greeting the returning holiday-makers with vivid lightning and sonorous peals of thunder.

By the Silvery Sea.

From every seaside resort correspondents unite in describing the crowds and the heat as alike phenomenal. No consideration of economy can keep the Englishman away from the sea when the thermometer registers above eighty in the shade.

Before seven o'clock on Sunday morning the sea by the piers at Brighton was alive with glistening humanity, plunging and swimming in the bluest water on the South Coast. Eastbourne, where no rain had fallen up to noon yesterday for a fortnight, found its hotels crowded. Margate reported "No shade obtainable anywhere," and "Plenty of visitors." Southend had a little rain in the morning, and "no room on the beach for more visitors."

Hastings shared the same brilliant weather in the morning, and Blackpool reported the famous beach and promenade "alive with visitors."

Not at the seaside or in London alone was the heat felt. Several cases of heatstroke are reported from agricultural districts.

While haymaking at Thirsk Mr. S. Sowden was struck blind by the sun, and remained sightless for

HEAT ABROAD.

President Roosevelt's Daughter a Victim of the Sun in California.

In America the heat is also intense. Miss Alice Roosevelt, the President's eldest daughter, was overcome by sunstroke on Friday while attending the performance of a Greek play in the open-air Greek theatre of the University of California.

She had to be carried out of the theatre, but afterward revived. It is stated that for some time she will be in a weakened condition.

From various parts of Germany it is reported that "considerable damage has been done by terrific thunderstorms, many persons being killed either by lightning or by the heat."

Hailstones destroyed the crops in many places, and glasshouses had not a piece of glass left. Lightning struck a barn where forty-three workmen were sleeping, killing two of the number and literally carrying the overcast a distance of twenty-five yards and dashing him to the ground, injuring him fatally.

The windows of all the carriages of the Hanover-Cassel express were all smashed by hail.

The heat in Austria continues, notwithstanding a thunderstorm on Thursday. In Rudolphsdorf five men working in a field dropped down, one after another, overpowered by the heat, not one of them recovering.

DROWNED THROUGH A BOULDER.

The six-year-old son of a wagoner, at New Bridge-on-the-Dee, was drowned under curious circumstances on Saturday.

While the child was resting on the bank a huge boulder became dislodged and carried him into the river. Two little girls saw the boy struggling, but were too excited to render any assistance.

Haymakers at work a few yards away were unaware of the accident until a search-party came and recovered the body.

ONE VIEW OF TEETH.

A curious stricture has been passed upon the generosity of the successful Yarmouth dentist who is fitting twelve aged paupers with sets of false teeth.

When the gift was announced to the guardians, one of the board complained that now the old people would be able to eat more.

The late Mr. Francis Wyndham Cook left £25,000 to be paid to any central fund for London Hospitals his executors might select. £12,500 has now been allotted to King Edward's Hospital Fund, the other half of the sum having been given to the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

BRITISH FLEET AT BREST.

How France Will Seal the Entente Cordiale with England.

France to-day will welcome the British fleet at Brest with a gracious hospitality quite French.

One of the daintiest features is the presentation of three bouquets, for which £40 has just been voted by the Brest Municipal Council.

Three girls, chosen from the working classes for good looks and exemplary conduct, will present beautiful bunches of flowers to Admirals May and Bridgeman.

The girls will be charmingly dressed, and each will receive a present of £12 as a souvenir of the occasion.

At the municipal banquet of 1,500 covers to the British and French crews the three girls will perform a similar duty.

To-night the festivities begin with a grand concert in the Place du Champ-de-Bataille by the bands of the French squadron, followed by a torch-light tattoo, fireworks, and dancing.

Official banquets will be given on the King Edward VII. on Wednesday and on the Victorious on Thursday. And on board the Magnificent on the 15th a dinner will be given to 290 petty officers and seamen of both squadrons.

In a proclamation to the people the mayor declares the visit will "mark the understanding between two great Liberal nations to defend the peace of the world."

DRAMA OF HOPELESS LOVE.

Sequel to Deformed Lodger's Passion for His Landlady's Daughter.

A sensation, which is alleged to be due to unrequited affection, is reported from Clapton, where, on Saturday, a young man named William Banks is said to have made a murderous attack with a razor upon Annie Hearn, the attractive sixteen-year-old daughter of his landlady.

Banks, who is about twenty-five and is deformed, is a quiet, steady man. He appears to have fallen passionately in love with the girl.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Hearn, who is a good musician and is connected with the Hackney Downs Chapel Mission Rooms, was in the garden feeding the pigeons. Banks was at work on a order not far away.

The girl was found lying with a deep cut in her throat. Banks, similarly wounded, was on the ground a few feet away.

Both are badly injured, the girl's condition being critical. They were removed to the German Hospital.

OUR BEST MOTOR TRACK.

Brighton's Course for the Coming Contests Has Cost £4,000.

Brighton has built for itself a motor track which Mr. Orde, secretary of the Automobile Club, described on Saturday night as "second to none in the world."

Along the sea-front at the foot of the old parade the corporation has laid, at an expense of £4,000, a track 2,300 yards in length. An unkind Local Government Board has ordered Brighton to pay the cost of this piece of roadway out of the current rates. That means an additional penny in the £, but Brighton is proud of the track and confident it will bring many thousands of pounds and many thousands of motor-cars to London-by-the-Sea.

Addressing the Mayor of Brighton and many visitors on Saturday, Mr. Orde said that he expected the fastest cars in the world would visit Brighton and try for records on the speed-way within the next fortnight.

RED CROSS OF THE STREETS.

Electric Ambulances for Those Who Fall in the City Maelstrom.

At an estimated initial outlay of £13,000, and a subsequent yearly cost of £9,600 in maintenance, the L.C.C. propose to establish a system of electric motor-ambulances.

There were 10,356 street accidents in 1903 in the metropolis, and to deal satisfactorily with such mishaps it is suggested that one principal and seven district ambulance stations should be erected within a radius of two miles of Charing Cross.

These stations will be about two miles apart, and standposts for "calls" with telephones attached, the latter under lock and key, and to be used only by the ambulance staff and police, will also be provided.

FOOD CONTRACTS CANCELLED.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board have cancelled their contracts with H. T. Packman and Co., J. Bloomfield and Co., and Lipton, Ltd., owing to a disagreement as to the quality of the supplies of poultry and rabbits, vegetables and fruit, and butter and lard contracted for.

OFFICERS ON STRIKE.

Nine Hundred Resignations in the Hands of the War Office.

DISGUSTED WITH MUDDLE.

The resignations of 900 Army officers are at this moment awaiting the acceptance of the War Office.

"It would seem that the measure of War Office muddling and maladministration has risen to overflowing," a distinguished officer told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"The inducements held out to officers are quite insufficient."

"Infinitely harder technical work, greater responsibility, unlimited clerical work, bad pay, and the pillar-to-post system of shifting regiments from one place to another has sickened married officers."

"Take the case of a man in a crack cavalry regiment who was given the post of adjutant in his corps some little time ago. He is married, and feeling certain of a settled existence for two or three years hired a house and bought some £500 worth of furniture."

"Just before taking up his duties he was informed that the War Office was obliged to give another man the post."

Tinkering with Uniforms.

"Desperately annoyed at this, he naturally and rightly claimed some compensation."

"After months and months of correspondence he was awarded the princely sum of two or three shillings a day 'barrack allowance' for a month."

"It is this kind of thing that sickens officers."

"Then there is the question of uniform. Gold braid off one month; next month gold braid on."

"The management of the headgear question is notorious. All these constant changes drain the pocket of the not too well paid Army officer dry."

"Then there is the examination question. Good, experienced men are continually being floored by the extremely hard technical examinations to which they are subjected. They are obliged to leave the service, and afterwards not infrequently express themselves as glad they did so."

BURDEN OF THE RATES.

Rich Westminster Has Lowest and Poor Poplar the Highest in London.

Dwellers in Westminster have cause to be thankful. Their average rate for the four years ending March 31, 1905, is, according to a report just issued by the London County Council, lower than that of any other area in London.

Poplar, on the other hand, has grave cause for dissatisfaction. For, whereas the Westminster rate is on this average, no more than 6s. 2d. in the £, Poplar's touches the exceedingly high figure of 9s. 8d.

Other unfortunate areas are Bethnal Green 8s. 8d., Mile End Town 8s. 2d., St. George's-in-the-East 8s. 8d., Stepney 8s. 8d., Bermondsey 9s. 1d. The lucky ones include St. George's-in-the-East 6d., City of London 6s. 4d., Paddington 6s. 5d., and Kensington 6s. 4d.

The average rate for the whole county is 7s. 0.5d.

SILVER WEDDING OF SCARFACE

Quaint Celebration in the Indian Village at Earl's Court Exhibition.

There was a picturesque ceremony at Earl's Court Exhibition on Saturday, when Scarface, Chief of the Iroquois Indians, celebrated his silver wedding day according to ancient Indian custom.

A feast followed the weird rites and dances, but before the Indians squatted on the ground to partake of the food, the poet laureate of the camp arose, bedecked in feathers and war-paint, and addressed an ode to Scarface's squaw, placing round her neck, in the name of the Iroquois Indians, a beautiful gold chain.

The menu of the feast consisted of soup, dough-cake, roasting wedding-cake, composed of corn-flour and coloured beans.

The pipe of peace, smoked in an inverted axe-head, was handed round, while Tete Bab-bun-tung, the Ojibway singer, chanted a weird hymn tune.

Scarface, the Iroquois chief, wore a gold medal telling of his daring exploits with the Warm Spring Indians in 1889.

MUNICIPAL GARDEN PARTY.

Society, literature, the Church, art, and medicine are all represented among those who accepted invitations to the London County Council chairman's garden party in the Royal Botanic Gardens on Saturday.

These included the Lord Lieutenant of London and the Duchess of Rife, the Lord Chief Justice, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord and Lady Dudley, Lord Rosebery, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Sir Henry Irving, Sir John and Lady Wolfe Barry, Sir Conan Doyle, and Mr. R. P. Haldane, M.P.

COSMOPOLITAN CITY.

American Ambassador Describes New York as an Epitome of Humanity.

"I do not suggest that the United States should annex these Islands, or that we should annex the United States, but I see no reason why we should not march side by side in the path of progress."

This was the happy note struck by the Marquis of Lansdowne at the Independence Day banquet given at the Hotel Cecil by the American Society on Saturday night. Like all the Fourth of July celebrations in London, it had been postponed on account of the death of Colonel John Hay.

The American Ambassador in his reply said he could not exaggerate the pleasure with which he had listened to the speech of the great head of the Foreign Office.

Referring to the presence of other foreign Ministers at the banquet, the Ambassador humorously remarked on the cosmopolitan character of New York.

With the single exception of Berlin, he said, New York had a larger German population than any other city in the German Empire. That same city of New York boasted also a larger Irish population than any city in all Ireland. It was not a bad Italian city either. The Italian population was about two-thirds that of Rome. It was not a bad Russian city either, having a Russian population of 1.3 as large as that of St. Petersburg. And it was surely not a bad Dutch city, since out of the old Dutch population had been reared the great Dutch-American President.

Earlier in the day Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid had given a great "Fourth of July" reception at Dorchester House, their mansion in Park-lane.

RIFLEMEN AT BISLEY.

Prospects for the Great Shooting Meeting Which Opens To-day.

Hundreds of competitors have already taken up their lodgings under canvas at Bisley for the great rifle-shooting competitions, which open to-day.

So far the entries for the King's Prize, St. George's, and other competitions show a falling-off, which may, however, be made up by entries still to come.

The Kolapore Cup has attracted an interesting entry of Colonial teams, including two from South Africa.

It is announced that the King will visit the encampment on the final day of the meeting—Saturday week—while the Duke of Connaught will be present during the forthcoming week.

DOVER'S AMBITION.

Handiest and Cheapest Port of Call for Westward Bound Liners.

Rumours that the Cunard and White Star Lines would use the magnificent harbour now being constructed at Dover by the Admiralty have been current recently. The Cunard Company, however, has denied that it intends to desert Liverpool.

Nevertheless, Dover believes with Sir William Crundall that English lines will soon realise the exceptional advantages it offers as a starting-point for travellers bound for America.

It is a cheap port, requiring no dredging, can berth the largest ships afloat, and the progress made by the harbour works will result in English liners calling there.

At present the foreign lines calling at Dover give an average of one liner a day.

"I WILL BE THERE"

Mystic Threat That Presages Trouble at Some Wedding on July 25.

Notice.—July 25. Wedding. "I will be there."

This sinister notice from the agony column of the "Morning Post" should create a flutter among brides and bridegrooms of July 25.

Perhaps the message is only a harmless joke. Everyone knows the story of the man who made a bet that if a telegram saying, "All is discovered, fly at once," were sent to any respectable citizen a place would be vacant forthwith.

The telegram was sent to a highly respected personage, who disappeared at once, and has not since been heard of.

Perhaps this notice is the outcome of some enterprising wager.

THE DISAPPEARING HORSE.

Mr. S. F. Edge had a count made of all the vehicles passing along the Bath road through Hounslow on Sunday, July 2, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The result was:—Cycles, 4,577; motor vehicles, 557; electric trams, 407; horse vehicles, 209; total, 5,750.

GIFT FROM A DEAD MAN.

Romantic Episode of Life in a Farmhouse.

LAW COURT NOVEL.

A deed of gift, made under curiously romantic circumstances, is now the subject of a legal contest in the Chancery Division begun on Saturday and to be continued to-day.

The story dates back to 1891, when Edward Sheppard, a young man of means and of delicate constitution, went to live with a gentleman farmer and his wife in Somerset, and stayed with them as a farming pupil.

He was about the same age as the farmer's wife, and lived with the family for several years. The wife was very kind to the young man; he was greatly infatuated with her.

On May 4, 1892, Sheppard celebrated the wife's birthday by presenting her with a deed of gift entitling her to certain stocks and property, and that deed of gift was the cause of the action in question.

The young man, Sheppard, is dead, and the wife of the Somerset farmer, who has since gained a divorce and has married a gentleman named Robinson, is now applying for a declaration of the deed, being opposed by Mrs. Sheppard, sister-in-law of the deceased, executrix and residuary legatee of the farmer's pupil.

Mrs. Sheppard contends that the execution of the deed was obtained by undue influence by (the now) Mrs. Robinson and in consideration of a certain relationship, which is alleged by the executrix, but stoutly denied by Mrs. Robinson.

"A Silly Thing."

Mr. Buckmaster, K.C., on behalf of Mrs. Robinson, related the circumstances under which young Sheppard had made the deed of gift in favour of his client.

Unknown to anyone the deceased man had gone to a solicitor, and despite that legal gentleman's admonition that he (Sheppard) was doing a "silly thing," persisted in having the necessary deed drawn up. The lady protested but deceased insisted.

The suggestion of improper influence made by the defence was plainly negatived by the fact that during the whole of the time Mrs. Robinson did not make use of the income of the property.

In March, 1901, Mrs. Robinson and her first husband were residing at Southampton. Mr. Sheppard at the time was no doubt suffering from consumption, of which he ultimately died, and went with the plaintiff to Switzerland for six months. Plaintiff went away with the consent of her then husband, but on her return she instituted divorce proceedings, and obtained a decree, no charge being made by the husband in respect of Mr. Sheppard.

A Refusal.

There was no doubt that the deceased young man was greatly infatuated with Mrs. Robinson, but it seemed that she did not sufficiently respond because she did not marry him, but married her present husband, Mr. Robinson, in January, 1894.

She was living very happily with that gentleman (a man of independent means), and naturally would hesitate a long time before bringing such an action as this if her character was going to be ruined in the eyes of her husband.

But she knew the charges were untrue, for however intimate the relations between the plaintiff and Mr. Sheppard were, they were not of such a character as would empower the Court to see the deed of gift aside.

Young Sheppard died on April 23, 1904. The previous month he made a will dealing with everything he possessed, and under that will his sister-in-law claimed in this action.

Mr. Justice Buckley remarked that it seemed to be principally a question of character. Could not the imputations be withdrawn, leaving the figures to be settled?

Mr. Astbury, K.C., for the executrix, said he was not prepared to come to an arrangement unless Mrs. Robinson abandoned the action.

Mr. Buckmaster said he could not do that, and the hearing was adjourned until to-day.

NOT "VERY WRONG."

"I know," said a woman charged at North London on Saturday with sleeping out, "that I have done very wrong of character."

Mr. Fordham: You go further than I do. I cannot say it is very wrong; but it is against the law to sleep in the open air in this way. Pay 2s. 6d. or go to the cells for one day.

COUNTY COUNCIL AS JOURNALIST.

With the object of bringing together in one document particulars of all the appointments in the various branches of the Council's service, it is recommended that a "London County Council Gazette" be established, and that the "London Education Gazette" be incorporated with it.

£50,000 FOR PICTURES.

Paintings Sold for Fortunes in Course of Twenty Minutes.

Over £30,000 was paid for seventeen pictures at Christie's sale rooms on Saturday. And the collection, which had belonged to the late Louisa, Lady Ashburton, was all sold in twenty minutes!

Over half the total—17,000 guineas—was obtained for a remarkable pair of Van Dyck portraits of King Charles I. and Queen Henrietta Maria, each measuring 7ft. by 4ft.

"Shall we say ten thousand?" said the auctioneer, looking towards Mr. Agnew.

"Eight thousand guineas," said Mr. Agnew in reply.

"Eight thousand five hundred," said another voice, which was that of Mr. Duven. "Ten thousand," said his opponent. And then commenced a royal duel between these two noted picture dealers, the price being increased by bids of 1,000 guineas and 500 guineas, as if they were so many pence.

"Seventeen thousand guineas," cried the auctioneer, and as there was no response the hammer fell. Mr. Duven became the owner of one of the finest pairs of portraits by Van Dyck in existence.

This is not a record for Van Dyck in the sale room, the famous pair of portraits of a Genoese senator and his wife having realised £24,250 at the Peel sale in 1900.

Following this came a superb picture of the Italian school, "The Virgin and Child, with Angels," by Sandro Botticelli, which was after an opening bid of 3,000 guineas, sold for 6,000 guineas, to a Mr. Barber.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied in selling a large collection of works from various sources, which brought the day's total up to £47,105.

DANGER OF SAYING "PLEASE."

In a Crowd the Word Is Used by Pickpockets as a Warning of Police.

If, while moving among a crowd, you say "Please," you run a grave risk of being arrested as a thief. Such politeness would arouse the suspicions of any detective who happened to be present. "Please," in fact, is the latest warning from one member of the light-fringed fraternity to another. It means "We are observed."

The facts came to light when George Jones, George Kemp, and William Barnes were brought up at Westminster on a charge of pocket-picking after the Albert Hall meeting on Friday.

Detective-Sergeant Reid said he noticed them pushing about among the crowd, and twice saw Barnes attempt to pick pockets.

When Jones, who was in the rear of his companions, said they were observed, he gave them warning by moving up and saying "Please."

Reid promptly arrested them. They were remanded.

"CALLUGA NERO."

Strangely Named Man in Difficulties Concerning "International Geography."

Anyone who is named Calluga Nero may reasonably expect to have some novel experiences of life, and these appear to have befallen a gentleman of this name who was charged at the South-Western Police Court on Saturday with stealing a book on International Geography from the Putney Free Library. He urged that the book was placed in his waistband by the librarian.

In a document written since his arrest, Nero explained that he took the book to read on Putney Heath, and complained that he had been locked up as if he were a wild beast.

He added: "As the King rewarded for life the man who stole the Crown jewels from the Tower, I should also be rewarded by being placed in charge of the library, for they would find in me a most obedient and grateful Nero."

Nero, who was committed for trial, asked for legal aid—a King's counsel if possible.

There was no response, and Calluga Nero was removed.

OUR MORNING MILK.

"The betting against a dishonest milk vendor being brought to book for adulteration is eleven to one."

This is the opinion of the Hackney Borough Council's Public Health Committee, who, at the next council meeting, will present a report on milk adulteration, and suggest the advisability of altering the law on the subject.

POSTMEN AND THEIR SUFFRAGE.

Postal employees are not allowed to interest themselves in L.C.C. elections in the district in which they reside or work.

This restriction the L.C.C. has endeavoured to remove.

Lord Stanley, however, has refused to alter the regulation.

LADY BOUNTIFUL.

Countess of Kinnoull Brings Toys to Poor Babes of Slumland.

PATHETIC SCENE.

The need poor parents in the east of London have for a place in which they can safely leave their babies while they go out to work was pitifully illustrated in Hoxton on Saturday.

It had been announced that the first crèche of the Day Nurseries Committee in Myrtle-street, Pittfield-street, would be opened on that day. The result was that scores of babies, escorted by wait-coat maids, office cleaners, and factory workers, began to arrive early in the morning.

The parents and guardians of these babies were much disappointed when they were told that the "opening" was merely a ceremonial affair, speech-making and inspection, and that the crèche would not be open to receive babies for some days.

To console themselves, such as could spare time sat down on the kerbstones and waited to see as much of the "ceremonial inspection" as might happen on the outside.

There was only one part that mattered to them, and that they were sure of—a lady was coming! A lady? No, the lady of it all to them—the lady who had thought and planned about it; the lady who had written away for the crowds of babydom, toys and milk saucers and cot-covers, just because one special dweller in babydom had taught her how mothers feel when babies flag; the lady who said she would never cease working for them until, instead of one day nursery, they should be planted everywhere in sufficient number to be available to those who need them.

One Thousand Pounds Wanted.

There they watched until Lady Kinnoull came—a beautiful woman in the loveliest pink silk muslin frock. She came in a carriage full of toys—toys for babies—their babies. So they cheered.

They sat and waited again until she came out. Then they cheered and cheered again, until it was difficult to drive away for the crowds of baby-owners that thronged the way and for the troops of boys and girls—big brothers and sisters to the babies—who swarmed over the carriage, clambering on to the steps and hanging on behind, while all the street shouted the hurrahs that meant "Thank you."

Then her brother-in-law and the treasurer of the Day Nurseries Committee, the Hon. Claude Hay, Hoxton's member, who knows the home life and the home stories of Hoxton as well as he knows his own, told the *Daily Mirror* stories of those sad human tragedies which had first awakened his interest in the subject and impelled him to enlist his sister-in-law's womanly sympathy and co-operation in it, to this happy result.

"We want £1,000 at once," said Mr. Hay, "so that we may go on planting other nurseries in all the over-congested districts in which there is a large proportion of woman labour."

"As to the cost, of course, the parents will pay, but on a sliding scale, of which 3d. per day will be the maximum."

"Every penny subscribed will be well spent, for it will cost the State less to help the growth of the babies than to support them wholly as cripples, imbeciles, and paupers later on."

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN.

Scheme Which, If Adopted in Entirety, Would Cost Ratepayers £300,000 a Year.

How to deal with "underfed and badly-fed children" is the problem now engaging the attention of the L.C.C.

Elaborate calculations of the cost of feeding children have been made by the Education Committee.

Assuming the cost of one meal a day were 14d., the expense would be 7½d. a week per child, or 7s. 6d. for twelve weeks a year, or for (say) 50,000 children £15,750 a year. If ultimately the idea of treating all children alike were adopted the cost would be about £300,000 a year.

Underfed by the cost, the Education Committee will recommend at the next meeting of the L.C.C. that the experiment be tried.

The food cooked in five London cookery centres will be given to the badly-fed children in five schools. Where possible the parents will have to bear the cost; where they cannot the matter will be referred to a joint committee dealing with the question.

£400,000 "CONFIDENCE" CASE.

Mr. Bros, at Clerkenwell on Saturday, committed for trial Edward Long, fifty-three, an engineer, on a charge of being concerned with obtaining £700 by means of the confidence trick from Michael Blake, a Canadian, at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras.

As will be remembered by most of our readers, it was alleged that Blake was impressed by a story about a fortune of £400,000.

WAR ON CORSETS.

Society for the Emancipation of the Feminine Waist.

"We propose having high ideals and strict rules, first and foremost being—no corsets!"

This is an extract from a circular now being sent out by the "Ladies' Physical Culture and Natural Health Society," which has just been formed at Blackburn.

A number of fair damsels have banded themselves together under this title to supply what they say they consider is a "long-felt want" for the sex. They aim at "creating a purer and nobler womanhood," and they are appealing, by circular, to the women of Blackburn to join them.

The society intends to foster a love for outdoor exercises and athletics. The movement has caught on, and within a few days of its inauguration the society can boast of over fifty members. No man can take part in their councils. A Miss Nellie Foxcroft is secretary, Miss F. Hargreaves is president, and Miss M. Howe, the "vice," while a committee of five help to guide these officials.

The circular appealing to other young women to join them states that "for some time past we have gone for a ramble at 6 a.m. on Wednesdays, faking skipping ropes with us, and we have some rare fun, I can assure you."

Although mere men are not allowed to be members, they are to be reformed by the society, the members of which have decided to discourage the use of tobacco and intoxicants amongst their gentlemen friends and acquaintances.

WON HIS WIFE'S APPLAUSE.

Letter to a Husband Who Decides to Act for Conscience's Sake.

"I commend you for what you are about to do, and exhort you to put your trust in God."

In this way did the wife of George Bock, knowing what he was about to do, write to praise her husband for deciding to give himself up to the police on a charge of forgery.

The letter was found on him when he surrendered.

The forgeries, of which he gave details at Bow-street, were committed in Hanover about six weeks ago.

Prisoner, declaring his confession to be true, asked to be sent back to Germany as soon as possible. He was remanded.

MYSTERY OF A NECKLACE.

Owner Declines To Be Known, and Scotland Yard Is Puzzled.

Scotland Yard is busy just now upon a mystery which presents difficulties of a peculiar kind.

The subject of the search is a valuable necklace. It was worn by its owner at a London mansion at a reception attended by members of the Royal Family. About that time it was missed.

When the lady discovered her loss, she drove to a Bond-street jeweller from whom she purchased the necklace, and directed that inquiries should be made. When told that the police would have to be informed, she replied, significantly, that names would not be necessary, and refused to allow her identity to be disclosed.

The police are luckily pursuing her investigations under these adverse circumstances, but it is seldom their aid is invoked or granted in cases where the name of the robbed person is enveloped in mystery.

ORIGIN OF LIFE.

How Cambridge Students' Attempt to Hoax Mr. Burke Failed.

In our issue of June 24 we published a report from our Cambridge correspondent that a hoax had been perpetrated on Mr. John J. Burke, the scientist, who has made remarkable discoveries showing that by means of radium living organisms may be produced.

In our issue of June 29 appeared an interview with Mr. Burke in which he said that while an attempt had been made to hoax him it had not succeeded.

We have looked into the matter and have satisfied ourselves that Mr. Burke is right and that the report of our Cambridge correspondent was inaccurate.

TRACED BY A BUTTON.

"That's my button," said George Whitmore when arrested for burgling a Norwich shop, outside which the button was afterwards found. Whitmore was committed for trial.

READY TO-MORROW. PART 9.

"HARMSWORTH ENCYCLOPÆDIA."

SEVENPENCE NET.

GLORIOUS VICTORY FOR CAMBRIDGE.

Although Oxford at One Time
Seemed To Have the Game
Well in Hand.

GENTLEMEN V. PLAYERS.

By F. B. WILSON

(Last Year's Cambridge Captain).

Today the news that Cambridge managed, owing to fine bowling by Napier and Morcom, to get Oxford out on Saturday for a mere 123 and so win the 'Varsity match, is no news, for the match has been discussed and re-discussed during the last two days literally to death.

The honours of the match must go to the victors, who seized a meagre chance of victory without hesitation and pulled through by sheer pluck. Of course, the wicket was greatly in favour of the bowlers on Saturday, as it was badly worn in places, especially at the Nursery end.

Every credit must be given to E. W. Mann for the way in which he has worked his side together this year, and he is to be congratulated in having put perhaps the very strongest combination into the field that Cambridge could have produced.

This, it is a correct, more or less, saying, only happens at a university about once in twenty years—a fact which can easily be accounted for by the few matches played compared to the number of candidates to be tried.

SYMPATHY FOR OXFORD'S CAPTAIN.

K. M. Carlisle deserves a good deal of sympathy for the defeat of his side. Schools kept the team rather ragged throughout, owing to the fact that Oxford could seldom play the same side twice running, and were hardly ever at full strength. As a personal matter, Carlisle must have had a very bad time when Colbeck and McDonnell were piling up the runs on Friday, for there are few more galling positions than that of a captain, who is not a bowler, standing watching a game that was practically his own slipping out of his hands, and being able to do nothing himself to prevent it. Saturday's cricket was disappointing from a batting point of view with the exception of Wright's innings. Wright made a fine effort, hitting and running well, and not showing a trace of nerves. Two records came within an ace of being beaten or equalled during the match. The first was Yardley's record of two centuries in 'Varsity matches, which Raphael failed to reach by one run; the second was C. E. M. Wilson's record of 351 in his four years, which Evans fell short of by seven runs.

ENGLAND'S FINEST CRICKET.

To-day commences the match which shows the finest cricket that England can produce; I refer of course to the Gentlemen v. Players match at Lord's. Now that the North and South matches have fallen out of being representative, the Gentlemen v. Players match at Lord's is without a rival, and there is sure to be a large gathering to-day to criticise and learn from the two fine sides got together for the game.

The two teams were chosen last week, but at the last moment Warren has written to say that owing to a strain he will be unable to take part in the match.

Many keen cricketers and of course Surrey men in particular, would be glad to see the place given to Lees, who has bowled consistently and well for two or three years without much help from anyone of the side, and who had bad luck to be left out of the Test match at Nottingham.

The sides are:

Gentlemen: Hon. F. S. Jackson, C. B. Fry, B. J. T. Bosanquet, Hesketh Pricard, W. H. Evans, H. Martyn, G. L. Jessop, W. Brearley, R. H. Spooner, P. F. Warner, and H. K. Foster. Players: Lilley (captain), Hayward, Tyldesley, Hirst, Rhodes, Denton, Arnold, Hayes, Bosley, Haigh.

After the 'Varsity match, it seems absurd to prophecy about cricket, but the side that wins the toss should win the match at Lord's. The wickets there this year are wearing badly, and are always difficult on the third day, unless patched up by rain. Surrey did a great performance on Saturday in beating the champions by ten wickets. This was chiefly owing to fine bowling by Knox, who got eight wickets for 75 in the second knock. Had he done this performance earlier in the season he might have gained the coveted distinction of a place at Lord's to-day.

F. B. WILSON.

OFFICERS TO LEARN JAPANESE.

From now onwards three officers of the Indian Army will be allowed to proceed every year to Japan for a two years' course of study in the Japanese language.

Whilst in Japan they will receive full regimental pay and allowances, and prizes for proficiency in the language will be given afterwards.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald, daughter of Sir Gerald Fitzgerald, of the Poles, Crawley, was fined £6 10s. on Saturday for not taking out excise licences for two men-servants, one carriage, and two dogs.

Noticing what looked like a black tie on the bedroom floor, a Plymtree (Devon) farmer's wife was startled to find that the object was a snake measuring thirty-two inches.

Described as having "a noble countenance and a rather distinguished appearance," James Muldoon, a Salford dock labourer, has been missing for nearly a fortnight.

Under the fierce rays of Saturday's sun a large gathering of spectators witnessed the ceremony of trooping the colour by the horse batteries and battalion of the Honourable Artillery Company on their parade ground.

Stones weighing 20lb. were found in the pockets of a dead man discovered in an upright position in Aldington Basin, near Brighton, on Saturday. His age is about fifty, and the name V. J. Davis was marked on his collar and shirt.

Mr. Thomas intends moving at an early meeting of the L.C.C. that the idea of the Council seeking to obtain Parliamentary powers to enable to provide refreshments on its own steamboats and in the parks under its control should be considered and reported upon.

Immediately on being released from gaol a Leinster man named McQuaid entered a third-class railway carriage on its way to Mullingar. He assaulted two passengers; they happened to be police, says the "Irish Independent," and William is now doing an additional six weeks.

King Edward has forwarded a donation of £3 to Mrs. Baybit, of West Stow, near Bury St. Edmunds, who recently gave birth to triplets.

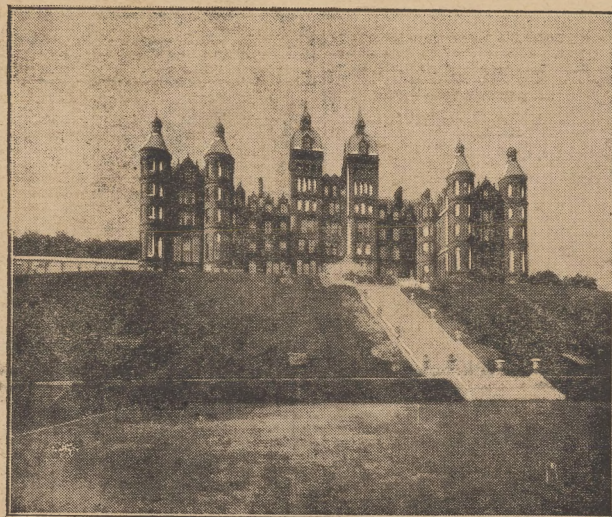
Upwards of a hundred thousand Orangemen will take part throughout Ulster in the commemoration on Wednesday next of the Battle of the Boyne.

At the last meeting of the Neath Town Council the chief of the brigade reported that the borough fire escape was useless. It took six men half an hour to bring it out on to the road.

Canadian manufacturers and their friends who have been visiting this country attended their last public function in England on Saturday, when they were present at a garden-party given by Lord Strathcona in their honour.

Bequests of £13,000 to the United Free Churches of Scotland, £3,000 to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and £1,000 to the Helensburgh Infirmary, were made by Mr. John Gilmore, of Mount Vernon, Helensburgh, formerly engaged in the tobacco trade, and a large shareholder in various railway companies. He left a fortune of £266,457.

"HYDRO" BURNED DOWN AT PEEBLES.



The fine hydropathic establishment at Peebles, which has just been completely destroyed by fire. It was crowded with visitors, who were at dinner at the time of the outbreak, but fortunately they were able to make their escape in safety.

Sixty thousand Belfast operatives will be idle till to-day week owing to the closing of factories for the midsummer holidays.

Southport Corporation Clothing Committee have decided that any official provided with a uniform who declines to wear it in office hours shall be required to tender his resignation.

Memorial windows were unveiled at Tonbridge School on Saturday, one being to old Tonbridgeians who fell in the war and the other to Dr. Welldon, headmaster of the school from 1845 to 1875.

Bristol's ancient court of Eschet on Saturday found that an old lady named Bond, of Weston-super-Mare, had died without heirs or leaving a will. Her property, therefore, goes to the Crown.

So weak was a horse when taken out of the shafts of a cart at Blackburn that it would have fallen, said a policeman, had not a bystander propped it up. The cart, who was fined for cruelty on Saturday, said the animal had to be worked to get tea out of bond the day the duty was reduced.

Several jurymen at a Berwick inquest complained because they were not paid as was customary elsewhere. One, on being bound over, said he would appear if able, whereupon the Coroner retorted that if there were any more impertinence he would have him kept in Newcastle Gaol until the next hearing.

Unusually candid is an advertiser in a contemporary who makes known that a "Young man (not respectable) wants work of any description."

Burnley is preparing for the annual vacation, which begins next Friday. Already sums totaling £4,440, representing members' savings, have been disbursed by holiday clubs.

Reports from Scottish fishing centres and Yarmouth alike report a bad herring season. "Penny bladders" at the Norfolk resort are out of the question, for the herrings landed have made up to 14s. for 132.

Twelve young horses belonging to Mr. W. E. Stockdale, of Tower Farm, Downham (Norfolk), were being driven across the railway at Kilm Lane, Ely, on Saturday when an express train dashed into them, killing four.

In eleven fowls which a Bradninch (Devon) poultry dealer owned before sending to London, he found over twenty pieces of metal, weighing in all 2½lb. He suspects some of the farmers who send him birds are addicted to this habit of stuffing to make weight.

Brine pumping caused an alarming subsidence on Saturday at Marton Hole, near Winsford (Cheshire), the scene of the great subsidence thirty years ago. A strip of land 100 ft. long and 30 ft. wide, which formed part of a field of 1½a, has been completely absorbed.

UNEASY FEELING IN KAFFIR MARKET.

Barnato Group Suffers from the
Amalgamation Scheme.

HOME RAILS HIGHER.

CAPEL COURT, Saturday.—After yesterday's serious depression in Kaffirs the market tendency was watched with a good deal of anxiety to-day. Of course, with the settlement so near, there was not much inducement for fresh business, and the certainty of an exciting finish in the 'Varsity match took a lot of people up to Lord's, and so the attendance was small.

Kaffirs were at first sold, the Barnato group specially suffering on the miserable amalgamation scheme. There have been some very strong comments on this scheme and Barnato tactics generally in the market, and it is doubtful whether the group will easily regain any measure of public confidence. The preliminary mining carry-over showed a rather over-sold account.

Then there came a story that the fusion of the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment and Barnato Consolidated companies was to be abandoned. It led to "bear" closing in these shares, and the finish was not quite so bad perhaps as it had been. Still, Kaffirs dominate the situation, and it will be a good thing when the Settlement is over and other points of a more favourable nature can at last begin to tell.

Consols were just a shade dull at 90 3/16, and they have been a shade worse. But the prospects of the Morocco question being settled and money expectations combined to give a firmish undertone to the leading investment stocks as a whole.

HOME RAILS IMPROVE.

Yesterday we had to notice that Home Rails were showing a little more resistance. To-day this again proved to be the case, and several prices were higher. The reasons given were the Board of Trade returns, which were good, and the idea that the forthcoming poor dividends will have been discounted.

There was not so much steam in Americans, owing to the bad finish on Wall Street last night. Prices were kept up moderately well, and that is all that can be said for them.

As usual, it is the Foreign Railway group which seems to attract the most notice. The earnings have been so good for a long time past that this is only natural. But there was not quite such a firework display to-day. Antofagasta, for instance, were back to 191. But the Cuban group kept up, and Cuban Centrals nearly touched 7. The question now is whether those who bought them lower down should not be considering the advisability of profit-taking. There was again a little support for Argentine Rails, which was said to come from Argentina.

JAPANESE LOAN RUMOURS.

In the Foreign group the main interest, of course, was in the Japanese loan. Monday afternoon sees the prospectus, and it is interesting to notice the rumour that some of the money will be applied to redemption of Internal bonds. That presumably will only be in the event of early peace. The new scrip is called 1 premium, and what we must now see, we suppose, call the "old new" 2 premium. But did not seem quite so easy in mind to-day, perhaps because of the talk of Kaffir difficulties, and the knowledge that one or two accounts are shaky in Paris as well as here. Of course, the dulness of Russian bonds was only to be expected.

It turns out to be quite true that Colombia tried to get out of its debt settlement scheme on easier terms. The Council of Foreign Bondholders have to consider the matter on Tuesday. Meantime the bonds have slipped back to 42.

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DUTY OF LABOUR M.P.s.

YESTERDAY'S Hyde Park demonstration proved at any rate that the Unemployed Bill is regarded by the people as being of some value. This may possibly induce the Government to alter their minds about dropping it this session. They have no excuse now for supposing that there is outside the House of Commons the same lack of interest in the measure which is shown inside.

No one in Parliament, except Mr. Walter Long, who had planned out the Bill before he left the Local Government Board to become Chief Secretary for Ireland, has appeared to be at all keen on getting it through.

The Conservatives are mostly indifferent; the few who trouble their heads about it have denounced it vehemently. The Liberals would be glad to see it dropped because the Conservatives brought it in. The Labour members' attitude has been marked by curious wobbles.

Mr. John Burns said he meant to vote against it on the ground that it would do very little good. Then he voted for it. Mr. Keir Hardie talked about arranging a demonstration months ago, but it is only getting itself held now, and Mr. Hardie has been very quiet on the subject for some time past.

The rest have followed their usual plan of betraying no indecent anxiety to benefit Labour. Their behaviour is most correct and gentlemanly; but is that quite what they are there for?

No one who knows them expects the wealthy and aristocratic elements which at present swamp all others in Parliament to do anything towards lightening the Burden of the Poor. They think with Lord Stanley that it is disgraceful for a poor man to want more than 26s. a week.

They raise no objection when office-holders, already drawing thousands a year, try to work the political oracle so as to get a few hundreds more. Let a £120 a year clerk do the same thing in his small way, and their cries for help can be heard all over the country; they scream out "Bloodsucker" and "Blackmail."

People who are thus blinded by class prejudice will do nothing to help the unemployed—unless they are worried and alarmed. It is the duty of Labour M.P.s to worry and alarm them. Unfortunately in this case the Labour M.P.s have not done it. If the Unemployed Bill does not pass this session, the blame will be at their door.

H. H. F.

TO MAKE SUBMARINES SAFER.

In the last of our own submarine disasters we had the horror of knowing that, if the vessel could have been recovered quickly, the lives of nearly all on board could have been saved.

The same thing happened in the case of the French submarine, of which this morning we announce the recovery with all the crew dead. They died because the arrangements for raising their prison beneath the waves were clumsy and ineffective.

Since the use of submarines is to go on (short of an international agreement to bar them), it is essential that some means should be found of bringing them to the surface without delay, when they are unlucky enough to sink.

This ought not to be a difficult matter. All that is wanted is some proper attachment for the rescuing steel hawsers. Every Power which possesses submarines ought at once to set to work to discover the best plan. E. B.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

There cannot be any goodness unless it is a practised goodness.—George Meredith.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE coming week is full of engagements of more or less importance, and dances and dinner-parties have been arranged for almost every night. The Duchess of Sutherland's ball is the great event for to-night at Stafford House. Mr. and Mrs. Bischoffheim's big dinner and reception to the tariff reformers is one of the events of to-morrow night. On Wednesday there is the great Bauernmeister benefit at Covent Garden in the afternoon, and Princess Christian has a musical party at Schomberg House in the evening. On Thursday Lady Wernher has a party at Bath House, Piccadilly, and there are other events that will be dealt with later on.

The Independence Day reception, which had been postponed on account of the death of Mr. John Hay, was held by Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid at Dorchester House on Saturday afternoon. About 3,000 invitations had been issued, and, to

little, however, about Captain Bell who is to marry the Hon. Mary Dyke, the younger of the two brides. Captain Bell's father, who was also in the Army, died years ago, but his mother, Mrs. Bell, and two sisters, are alive. Mrs. Bell is a sister of Winifred, Countess of Arran, the widow of the first Earl of Arran. This Lady Arran had married before the Hon. John Montagu Sopford, of the Grenadier Guards, a son of the fourth Earl of Courtown.

Lady Arran is a close personal friend of Princess Christian, whom she served for many years as lady-in-waiting. Captain Bell is, therefore, connected with many well-known people. His grandfather was a wealthy man, who owned estates, I think, near Bourne, in Sussex. It was understood that he had made Captain Bell his heir, but when he died his will was undiscoverable. He had apparently hidden it away so successfully that it had got lost. This caused a great deal of anxiety and

Mrs. Annie Besant's visit to London is certainly a very noteworthy event, and her theological disciples have gathered in great force to welcome her. Mrs. Besant has recently conversed with the spiritual body of "a late member of Parliament." It may not be indiscreet perhaps to suggest that this was Mrs. Besant's old atheistical friend, Charles Bradlaugh. Let us imagine that Mrs. Besant had an agreeable chat over old times with him, and that he admitted his mistake in supposing, before death, that death was the end of experience.

It was Bradlaugh, you may remember, who caused such a disturbance in the House of Commons, years ago, by refusing to take the customary oath when he took his seat there. He was excluded, and Mr. Gladstone opposed his exclusion, reciting some splendid lines of Lucretius in the speech he made in doing so. Soon after Bradlaugh died, but the House apologised for its harsh treatment of him.

Some of Mrs. Besant's interesting doctrines and some of her supernatural experiences remind me of that amazing book of the late Miss Florence Marryat called "There is no death." Miss Marryat lived, according to the statements there recorded, in almost unbroken communion with her dead friends. She was surrounded by disembodied men and women, and must have been an uncanny person to have stayed with in the old country houses where ghosts delight to wander.

Sometimes Miss Marryat, I cannot help thinking, was guilty of rather frivolous conduct in connection with her ethereal comrades. She was accompanied one evening to the theatre by a ghost, and requested him or her to float from the dress circle to the stalls and to tickle the bald head of an old gentleman seated there. In a second the old gentleman was seen frantically brushing his pate. The ghost had obeyed the command. It is terrible to think that, after death, one may be requested to tickle bald heads at theatres. That occupation would be more trivial than those which form, for most men, the greater part of life.

Baron and Baroness Eckhardstein have taken a house at Cowes for several weeks, and will entertain a good deal during the regatta time there. Baron Eckhardstein has got a yacht, in which he will make many excursions during the next few weeks. By the will of the late Sir John Maple, father of Baroness Eckhardstein, she and the Baron have to spend the greater part of their time in England, and they have now taken on lease for a further period Busbridge Park, which is the property of Mrs. Geoffrey Skellington-Smyth.

Lord and Lady Londesborough leave London this week for Lonsborough Park in order that they may make preparations for the great charity fête to be organised there at the end of the month.

This week, too, will see the departure from London of Prince and Princess Henry of Bess, who go back to Germany for a few weeks. Prince Henry's father requires his son and daughter-in-law to spend at least six months of the year at Furstenburg.

Amongst the many great yachts that will assemble in the Cowes Roads during the regatta week will be the Margerita, the property of Mr. Anthony Greville, which is fitted up on a scale of greatest magnificence, and has probably been visited by more royalties than any private vessel afloat.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Signor Giacomo Puccini.

ALL social and musical London will go to Covent Garden to-night to hear the first production in England of his new Japanese opera, "Madama Butterfly." He has a deep regard for England and the English. We have always been kind to his work, and he is so grateful that he will not even admit that London is a little dismal in comparison with the lovely villa which he possesses on the Italian lakes. He confesses, however, that our language is impossible to pronounce; and he has described Manchester, where he once spent a few days, as "the realm of rain, cotton, and smoke." He has had a tiresome struggle for success. His family were musical, artistic, Bohemian, and therefore poor. For some years he tried to live with his brother on a charity pension of 45s a month, which he obtained through an influential friend. They took one room in Milan, rapidly got into debt, and had to pawn their sticks, umbrellas, overcoats, and waistcoats in order to get enough to eat.

For his first opera he received £100 and lived on credit and the air while he wrote it. But success came only after the production.

He does not look like a man who has plunged into the thick of the fight. He has an indulgent smile, a little moustache (like Caruso), and he is beginning to be rather stout.

He has recently recovered from a bad motor accident, and has wittily apologised to "Messieurs the obituary editors" for the disappointment he must have caused them by declining to die of the shock.



"Some of those yellow men, Jonathan, are gettin' to feel quite easy in the water."
"Pears like it, John."
"They can keep up steam, and steer, and they're not so bad at shootin'."
"Pears like it, John."
"Next thing they'll be singin' 'Mikado rules the waves!'"
"Nowise onikely, John."
"Well, Jonathan—"
"Well, John?"
"I was thinkin', Jonathan—"
"It's good for you, John; so was I."
—"Life," Now York.)

judge by the crowd which filled the beautiful rooms of Captain Holford's splendid house, nearly every body must have accepted. It was impossible, about the middle of the afternoon, for all the carriages to get near the gates, but people managed to thread their way on foot through the block. The rooms themselves were not unpleasantly crowded, though the host and hostess could do no more than shake hands with each of the guests who passed in a continuous stream before them.

Dorchester House is really an ideal place for a reception of this sort. You move on from room to room, never being obliged to turn back, looking at the wonderful collection of old masters. An additional room for refreshments had been built out into the garden. A great many distinguished Americans were present. Everybody admired Mrs. Mackay, who was beautifully dressed, and also Mrs. Ronalds, who was talking to Mme. Von André, one of the cleverest members of the American diplomatic set in London.

A good deal has already been written in the papers about the "double marriage" of Queen Alexandra's two Maids of Honour, which is the great event of Tuesday next. I have seen very

trouble, but the document has, I believe, been discovered since. Captain Bell's elder sister, by the way, is married to a nephew of Lord Sackville. His younger sister is still unmarried.

An almost ideal position for a man of studious tastes is that held by Sir Richard Riving on H.imes, the King's librarian at Windsor Castle. Sir Richard has been indisposed during the last few weeks, but is now well on the way to recovery. He has held his position as guardian of some 120,000 books for more than thirty-five years. Before becoming the royal librarian he had served in the British Museum, so that all his life has been spent amongst books.

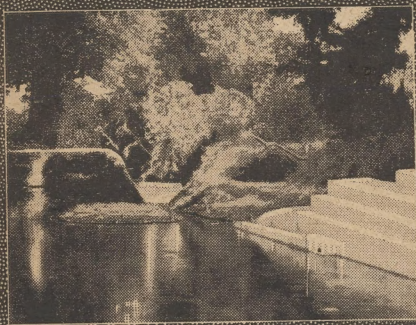
Sir Richard was a great favourite with Queen Victoria, who knew how to appreciate his remarkable erudition. Sometimes she used to ask her librarian where some passage occurred which she desired to consult without delay. Almost invariably Sir Richard could supply her with the book, and often with the page as well. "You are a walking library," she said to him once, and he does seem, in fact, to know what every book in that vast collection contains. He is a clever painter in water-colour besides being a student of literature.

CAMERAGRAPHS.

BATTLE OF THE BATHERS.



The pool just behind Cookham Lock provided for the use of lady bathers. Inserted is a portrait of Mr. E. Cooper, who was mainly responsible for its construction.



The breach in the dam by which the water has been drained off under the instructions of Sir George Young, who considers the construction of the pool an invasion of the rights of the public.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER.

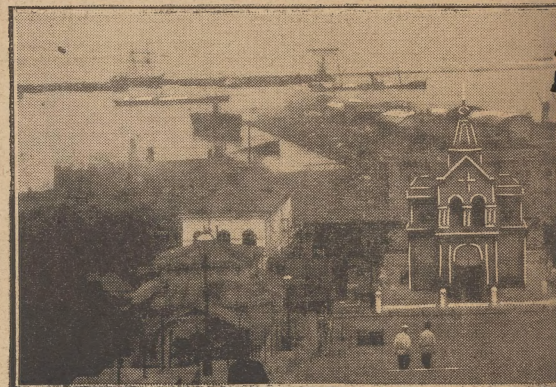


A characteristic snapshot of Miss May Sutton, the American player who defeated the English lawn-tennis champion on Saturday.

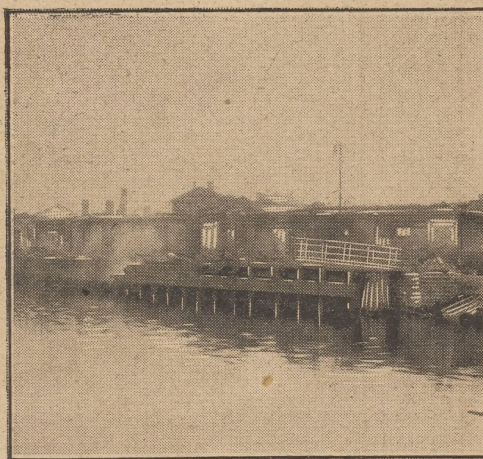
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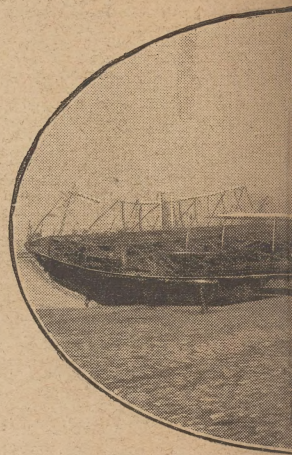
House in Odessa damaged by a shell from the Kniaz Potemkin.



A general view of the harbour at Odessa. It was taken after the Kniaz Potemkin she has just surrendered. The Georgei Pobedonosets, which also revolted, is in the foreground.



Warehouses on the quays at Odessa after they had been looted and burned by the mob, assisted by the mutinied sailors. Property to the value of several millions of pounds was destroyed.

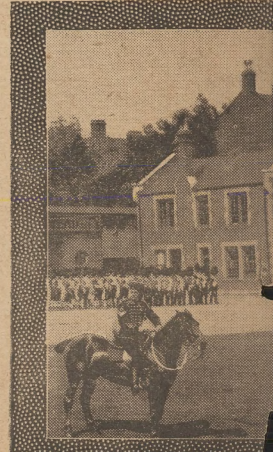


A graphic testimony to the reign of terror. The vessel just about to leave for Nicolaieff, the port protected by the guns of the revolution, is a burnt-out shell along with the rest of the fleet.

HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY



The Earl of Denbigh, Colonel commanding the Honourable Artillery Company, on the headquarters' ground at Finsbury.



The Honourable Artillery Company marching. The photograph shows the batteries marching.

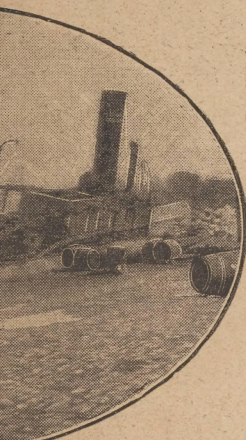
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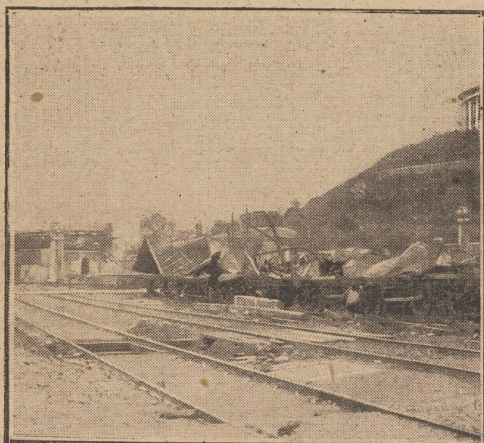
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Old city wall of Odessa, showing the hole made by one of the Kniaz Potemkin's shells.

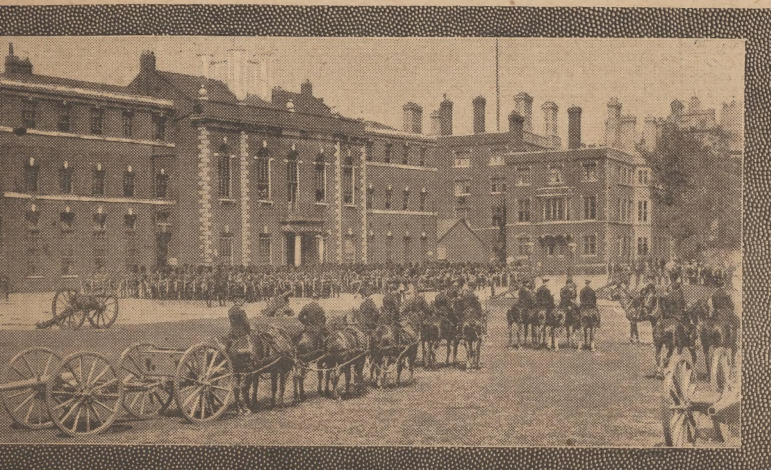


sa. All that was left of a coasting mobly had worked their will upon ship. The photograph shows her quay at Odessa.



The elevated railway at the Russian port was destroyed by the revolutionists and mutineers. The rolling-stock, worth many thousands of pounds, was reduced in an hour or two to a few heaps of scrap iron, such as that photographed.

ING THE COLOUR ON SATURDAY.



pection and parade on Saturday and afterwards performed the ceremony of Trooping the Colours. Our photographing point. Major-General Sir James Wolfe Murray was the inspecting officer. There were two batteries of artillery and about 250 infantry on parade.

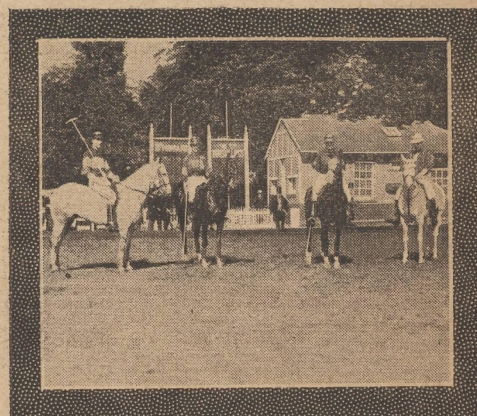
NEWS IN VIEWS.

GARDEN-PARTY AT KNEBWORTH.



Lord Strathcona's Dominion Day garden-party at Knebworth on Saturday. The splendid residence of Knebworth, with its beautiful grounds, is rented by Lord Strathcona from the Earl of Lytton.

ARMY POLO CHAMPIONSHIP.



The inter-regimental polo tournament was concluded at Hurlingham on Saturday, when the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons' team (photographed above) beat the 20th Hussars by 4 goals to 3.



A run up the ground during the final for the inter-regimental championship at Hurlingham. It was a great game, keenly contested all through.

BETTING ON KING ALFONSO'S QUEEN.

A "Book" Made in Madrid with Odds Against Seven Royal Ladies.

ENGLISH ALLIANCE GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRID, Sunday.—All classes in Madrid are speculating as to the probable outcome of King Alfonso's hunt for a wife during his recent trip abroad.

Will he or will he not marry the youngest daughter of the Duke of Connaught is the burning question of the hour. "Certainly not, as she is unwilling to abjure her religion and become a member of the Roman Catholic Church," was the opinion expressed in my hearing to-day by a well-known and much-respected Bishop.

Spaniards generally would welcome an alliance with Great Britain, but it is thought quite possible that the question of religion will prove an effective bar to the young King allying himself to the British Royal Family.

PROPHETS AT VARIANCE.

In service circles here, it is freely asserted that Alfonso XIII. will probably marry the daughter of the Spanish Princess of Bavaria, but the German colony (which ought to know) declares that the King is "already almost engaged" to Duchess Antoinette, the Roman Catholic nineteen-year-old daughter of Duke Paul of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who belongs to the minor (Catholic) branch of the reigning Grand Ducal family.

Moreover, it is asserted that Kaiser Wilhelm would strongly approve of this match, the Duchess Antoinette's mother being one of his special favourites. Although in her forty-ninth year, the Duchess is still one of the most beautiful women in Germany, a notorious matchmaker, and in her younger days was a great flirt. Her daughter, the possible future Queen of Spain, is said to be a "pocket edition of her mother."

Spaniards have always had a great reputation as gamblers. Sporting circles in Madrid have not been slow to seize upon King Alfonso's hunt for a wife as a medium of speculation. Many large wagers have been made, and it is a fact that Senor Ricardo Carvalho, the well-known South American bloodstock breeder and sportsman, has opened a book on the "event." A reporter on the "Herald" informs me that no fewer than seven royal ladies are supposed to be "in the running." Strangely enough, the Duke of Connaught's daughter has been made a good favourite at 2 to 1 against, but pesetas in large number have gone on most of the seven eligible "parties" supposed to possess a chance.

STRONG SOCIAL VIEWS.

It is noteworthy that Spain is almost unanimous in desiring a foreign fiancée for King Alfonso. That he will not incur popular disfavour by becoming engaged to one of his Bourbon or Hapsburg cousins is taken for granted by everyone. Only last week King Alfonso was reported to have remarked jokingly to an intimate friend, "It's not the fault of my ancestors that I am healthy, can use my brain, and am a decent shot. Continued cousin marriages are enough to play the deuce with the best stock." On this point the Spanish monarch although only nineteen years of age holds very strong views indeed.

I am informed that the King will visit Las Palmas next February, and that it is highly probable that, by that time, he will have made up his mind on the subject of his future queen. A well-known leader of the best society in Madrid whispers that matters will be so arranged that, before the end of the year, a hint will be given to the parents of the fortunate Princess upon whom King Alfonso smiles, and that the young people will be given the opportunity of making one another's better acquaintance and doing their love-making amid the romantic scenery of the Canary Islands.

TO-DAY'S BOOKS.

THE BOOK'S NEST, by G. W. Appleton. Rather an improbable detective story about an apparently harmless old gentleman, who turns out to be an unscrupulous young peer in disguise. After committing formidable robberies the peer ends by shooting himself. John Long, 3s.

A COUNTRY BUNCH, by Mrs. Henry Dudeney. A collection of short stories about rural life and the ways of folk. Very pleasantly written. Hurst and Blackett, 3s. 6d.

THE PURPLE HEAD, by Edwin Pugh. A story of the murder of an old captain by a deformed peasant who detests him, and commits his crime with a purple aura wrapping round his head. Grotesque and unconventional. Hurst and Blackett, 3s.

A MARRIAGE IN BURMAH, by Mrs. M. Chan-Ton. The story of a wretched marriage between an English girl and a Burman who is violent and brutal. The author seems to wish to prove that such inter-racial unions must turn out badly. With feminine logic, however, she has done something different. She has shown, not that it is always a mistake to marry coloured men, but that it is a mistake to marry a Burman who is a drunkard and a cad. Hurst and Blackett, 3s. 6d.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

HONEYCOMB IN A HEDGE.

My attention was called the other day to a swarm of bees hanging in a hedge by the public road. I went and took the bees, and, to my surprise, found they had built a considerable amount of comb in the open bush. I think this well worthy of notice; it is most unusual. T. Cox.

The White House, Newport, Essex.

"A NATIONAL PERIL."

Public-houses are not wholly to blame for the drink peril. Every so-called working men's (political) club, I should say, sells more drink than two public-houses put together, judging from the brewers' drays I so frequently see at their doors, and the unsightly bearing of members when leaving, often with bottles sticking out of their pockets. South Wimbledon. FAIR PLAY.

"FREEMASONRY AND FRAUD."

As a Freemason of many years' standing, I must thoroughly assert that the craft do not interfere with the course of justice taking its due effect upon an erring member of their order. We support each other in laudable undertakings, but not in anything which is contrary to the laws of the country.

I sincerely trust that May's issues will be able to clear himself, but beyond this neither I nor any law-abiding member of the craft would interfere with the due course of justice. A MASON.

Finsbury-circus-buildings, E.C.

"LUGGAGE IN ADVANCE."

I think it may be of use to some of your readers at this time of year to give them my experience of "advance luggage," so beautiful in theory, so expensive in practice.

I sent an ordinary-sized dress trunk from here two days before I travelled up to London, also taking my ticket two days before. The trunk was conveyed to a friend's house, well within the radius, by a well-known London carrier, and 3s. 10d. was demanded on delivery, although I had been told here that the charge would be 1s. 6d.

I can get no abatement of this ridiculous charge, and should be glad to know if I have any fellow-sufferers. DISOUSTED.

Hastings.

DUCKPOND DINNERS.

Adverse Comments on Mr. George Kessler's Expensive Meal.

Writing in the "Outlook" on the American "gondola" banquet, given at the Savoy Hotel, Mr. G. S. Street says:—

"Every country has its vulgarisms, and I should not have mentioned the nationality of this strange host except for a purpose. There is a significance in it. I would not be guilty of the impertinence of seeming to patronise a country with a compliment, but it is the merest truth to say that, to judge by those of America's amiable citizens I have met, not only are they quite as averse from ostentation and the crude flaunting of excessive riches as our own, but even more than with us there lingers among them an ordered simplicity of life which makes up what is sweet in the Puritan ideal. They sometimes seem to me more truly English than we are. Yet the opinion of all those same and simply-living folk is impotent to prevent the disgusting vagaries of inflated wealth about which we read so often."

AMERICAN HUMOUR.

More Amusing Paragraphs from the New World.

"What," asked the young physician, "is the secret of your success?"

"I make it a rule to find out what a patient wants to do," answered the wise old doctor, "then I order him to do it."—Chicago News.

Every man thinks his own is the really hardest job.

The really hardest job, however, is that of the hero in a modern novel.

These are the performances of one hero in one chapter of a recent novel:—

His countenance fell.

His voice broke.

His heart sank.

His hair rose.

His eyes blazed.

His words burned.

His blood froze.

Now, how would you like to be that hero?—Detroit News.

A big, burly man called on the wife of a minister the other day.

"Madam," he said, "I wish to draw your attention to a poor family. The father is dead, the mother is too old to work, and the children are starving. They are about to be turned out in the street unless some one pays their arrears of rent, which amounts to £35."

"How terrible!" said the lady; "here is the money for the rent." By the way, may I ask you who you are?"

"Certainly, madam, I'm the landlord."—St. Louis Budget.

ONE FALSE STEP.

BY HENRY FARMER.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

FRANK CHESTER.—A young man who comes to London after a University career. He is to be given a start in commercial life by the great Vincent Devenish—the chance of a lifetime.

TOM MAYFIELD.—An old schoolfellow of Frank Chester's, heavily in debt.

QUEENIE MAYFIELD.—Tom's sister. An orphan. She has started in business as a florist and table decorator, in which she is succeeding.

MR. DEXTER.—The obsequious, oily cashier in the office of Vincent Devenish.

EVE DAINTREE.—The young widowed daughter of Vincent Devenish.

HESPER MORDAUNT.—Stockbroker, by whom Tom Mayfield is employed.

VINCENT DEVENISH.—Of the Blue Star Line. A commercial and financial magnate.

Frank Chester came to London to have an interview with the great Vincent Devenish of the Blue Star Line, who had offered him a start in life.

During the interview Devenish is called away for a moment, and Chester catches sight of the bank-notes for £20,000 which Mr. Dexter, the great man's cashier, had left upon the table, done up in parcels of £2,000.

Fascinated by the sight of so much money, Chester makes his one false step—he takes up one of the parcels of notes to examine the situation of his hand, so much money, and before he can replace them Eve Daintree, Devenish's daughter, who is already known to him, enters.

Chester, in his confusion, thrusts the notes into his pocket, and during the whole interview with Mrs. Daintree has no opportunity of returning them.

He is therefore reduced to confiding the notes, when he leaves Devenish's office, to his friend, Tom Mayfield, who suggests a means of retaining them.

Mayfield disappears altogether, however, and Chester, who waits in vain for him, is only kept from suicide by Queenie Mayfield, Tom's sister, who persuades him to wait for Tom's return until the morning.

In the morning Dexter, the cashier, appears. He explains that he saw the accidental loss of the notes, and offers Chester £2,000 in exchange for an I.O.U. He declares that this will be an excellent investment, since Chester is certain to be his employer, and to marry the daughter of Devenish.

Chester falls into the trap, and thus slings a mill-stone into the sea.

Meanwhile Queenie Mayfield warns him mysteriously against falling into Dexter's power, and her warning is echoed by Eve Daintree, who confesses to have told Dexter when she meets Chester at Devenish's office in the morning.

It soon becomes evident that both Eve Daintree and Queenie Mayfield are falling in love with Chester. Hesper Mordaunt meanwhile calls upon Queenie at her flower shop. Eve Daintree, entering with Chester as Mordaunt is leaving in a familiar manner, towards Queenie, misconceives Queenie's character, and treats her with disdain.

Chester goes, later in the day, to call upon Queenie again, and finds Mordaunt together with Dexter in the shop.

CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

The words, rattled off by the newsboy as his eyes searched the little group in the shop for a possible customer, affected Chester physically, like a swift rain of blows over the heart. The deadly feeling of sickness came upon him. It was the instantaneous reaction of mind on body.

Everything about him blurred—except Queenie. Her face stood out, grey-white, and painfully distinct against a background of vivid colour. She stood quite rigid, like a thing of stone. The sound of the newsboy's words seemed to have paralysed her before her senses had time to analyse their meaning. A feeling of helplessness, an appalling realisation of his powerlessness to help her, possessed Chester.

She stirred, at last. Chester, expecting her to faint, took a quick step forward. But she did not faint. Quite mechanically she beckoned the newsboy and purchased a paper.

At the back of the shop was the tiniest of offices, scarcely large enough to permit the swinging of the proverbial cat. Queenie turned, passed quickly into this office, and closed the door.

And the silent tragedy of that grey-white face was hidden from Chester.

It was only now that he recalled the presence of others in the shop. Both Dexter and Mordaunt had purchased papers before Queenie purchased hers; but Chester had not realised this. He had only seen that grey-white face.

Dexter, his features hidden behind his paper, was moving slowly towards the door, reading as he went. Hesper Mordaunt, who had stood so deeply engrossed in his paper, his back to the counter. The young lady behind the counter was hard at work fashioning flowers into button-holes with deft, swift-moving fingers. Now that the grey-white face was gone, the shop presented a normal appearance. The newsboy was standing in front of Chester.

"Ere y'are, Capting—it's my last one!" Chester bought the paper. He seemed to have been the only witness of Queenie's tragic, silent emotion. Yet had he been in a mood capable of calm reason this would not have appeared remarkable. The only person besides himself who might have possibly suspected the newsboy's grim catch-words was the missing Tom Mayfield was Dexter.

He was the only person, apart from Chester himself and Queenie, who was acquainted with Mayfield's disappearance and its circumstances. And it was quite conceivable that Dexter, who in the early hours of that morning had expressed to Chester his confidence that Mayfield was already dead, the country, saw no likely connection between the newsboy's cries and the missing man.

Chester, opening up his paper quickly, glanced at the thin, elegant figure moving towards the door. But Dexter's colourless, firm face was hidden, and he was gone.

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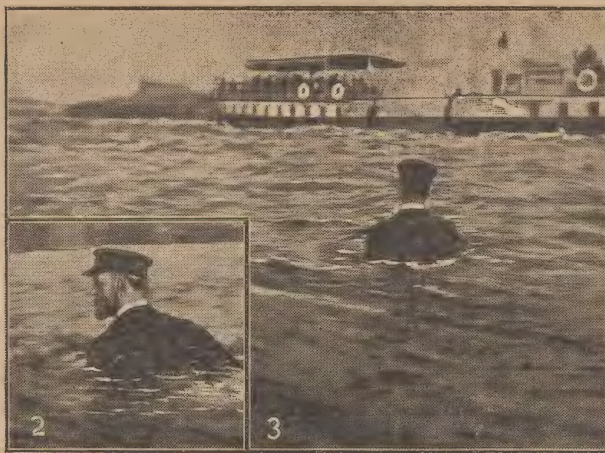
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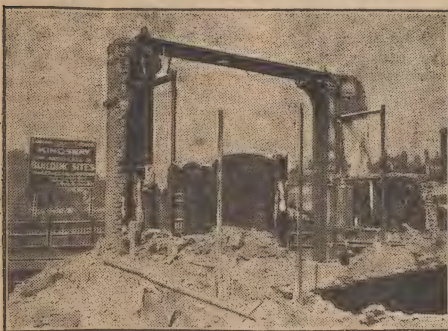
NEW DEVICE FOR WALKING ON THE WATER.



Mr. McEvoy and the simple apparatus he uses for a walk on the water. He has tested it several times on the Thames with success. No. 1 is a portrait of Mr. McEvoy ready to enter the water, and in No. 2 he is enjoying an aquatic stroll on the Thames. No. 3 shows a London County Council steamboat passing by the bold voyager.



LAST OF THE OLYMPIC THEATRE.



The Olympic Theatre, a famous home of melodrama years ago, has been pulled down in connection with the Strand improvement scheme.

FOOLHARDY FISHERMEN.



Finding themselves becalmed, the crew of the Diana all went to sleep. A breeze came up, and when they awoke they found themselves ashore under the Penzance promenade, where their lugger was photographed.

ONE FALSE STEP.

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and the slight tremor of the well-gloved hands holding the outspread news-sheet was too slight to be noticeable. He paused on the threshold of the shop, folded up his paper with methodical deliberation, and adjusted the rose in his buttonhole. But only his back was visible to those behind him.

Chester found what he sought in the stop-press news. It was very brief. The body of a well-dressed man had been recovered from the river. The wounds had been inflicted before death, without doubt. A fragment of broken watch-chain found in a waistcoat pocket and the absence of anything in the shape of money or valuables indicated robbery unmistakably. The unidentified body was lying at a riverside mortuary. The features were scarcely recognisable.

Chester shivered like a man who feels a cold draught blowing from somewhere. He must visit the mortuary. His eyes sought the door of the little office.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Chester," said Mr. Dexter, turning at last. Perhaps it was the red rose that accentuated the colourlessness of his features, but they always lacked colour.

"Here, half-a-mo', Dexter," cried Mordaunt, looking up from his paper. "I'm coming, too."

He turned to the counter and appeared surprised to find Queenie gone.

"What?" he exclaimed. "My little Daisy Dimple gone?"

He leant across the counter and rattled on the office door with his stick.

"So long, kiddie," he cried. "See you in the morning. Be good."

Despite the tension under which Chester was labouring, the man's atrocious vulgarity jarred every nerve fibre. Under normal conditions he would have been sorely tempted to kick the fellow out of the shop.

Mordaunt had a weakness for pet names.

"Good-bye, Miss Touch-Me-Not," he said to the young lady fashioning buttonholes behind the counter, and swaggered from the shop with a faint creaking of his corsets.

Miss Peyton, Pollie Peyton to her friends, and one of Queenie's partners, had completely ignored the man. In business one must take the good with the bad, and Pollie Peyton, besides being level-headed and great-hearted, was something of a philosopher.

Mordaunt joined Dexter on the pavement. The two men presented a striking contrast, and, at first sight, it was difficult to understand what they could have had in common between them. The one man was discreet, self-possessed, and his manners, like his well-groomed appearance, were almost painfully correct. His obsequiousness of bearing was more noticeable in the office than in private life, and then seemed rather convention than cringing, and never quite belied the quiet firmness of the pronounced features. The thin-lipped mouth only vaguely suggested an evil nature. Mordaunt, on the other hand, carried his character on his features and on his clothes. Sensualist was written on the florid, bulldog face and coarse lips; want of taste and lack of breeding and love of ostentation were branded on his aggressive attire. Yet he was strong, and reputed a fine man of business. And when it pleased him he could assume a certain brusque, genial manner that passed muster as good-natured bonhomie.

"I say, Dex," he said, taking Dexter's arm, "Aluminiums have dropped a point and a half—down to 32½. You sold out at the right moment. They'll be down another two points in the morning."

But that morning, Hesper Mordaunt, speaking into the telephone in Chester's presence, informed Vincent Devenish that Aluminiums were bound to go higher, and strongly advised his client to reconsider his instructions to sell, and hold on for all he was worth. And Chester had gathered that this advice was taken. Now Aluminiums were down, and would be down another couple of points, according to Mordaunt, before Devenish could sell out. And a drop of 3½ on a big investment represents a mighty big loss.

"Ah," said Dexter quietly, but with a suggestion in his voice that his thoughts were also occupied by some other matter. "But Mr. Devenish did not sell?"

His quiet, grey eyes met Mordaunt's.

"What do you think?" replied the stockbroker significantly, and then laughed.

Dexter nodded; then, as they made their way along crowded Piccadilly, his thoughts wandered again.

Mordaunt's next speech had nothing to do with business.

"Dex," he said, "I shan't rest till I've got round that little flowergirl. She sort of grows on me more and more. And I say, our young friend, Chester,

he isn't sweet in that direction, is he? Because, if so, I'll give him to understand pretty quick that he's got to keep off the grass. No poaching on another fellow's preserves, don't you know."

"It may be necessary to warn him off," said Dexter quietly. "Mr. Chester's career is mapped out for him."

"Eve Daintree? That is why Devenish is making a fuss over the young prig? Does he want someone to step into Cecil Daintree's shoes?"

Mordaunt hailed a hansom cab and the two men entered. Piccadilly does not lend itself to private conversation.

"I don't think," he said at last, with quiet precision, "that Mr. Chester is, or will be likely to prove troublesome. He will have to take his cues—from me."

"Why, Dex?"

"I am in a position to influence him," replied Dexter, with the faintest emphasis on the word "influence."

"And Eve? What about Eve? You surely don't approve of that little scheme, do you?"

"Oh, but I do," was the inflectionless answer. The man's evil mouth tightened.

"Why, Dex, I've always looked on you as a sort of dog in the manger ever since you knew you didn't stand an earthly? What are you playing at?"

"You'll see, one of these days."

A question shaped itself on Mordaunt's lips; but an expression on the other's colourless, firm face restrained it. Dexter was the master mind. Instead of questioning, Mordaunt laughed coarsely.

"I'm dining there to-night. Gad, Dex, but she's a tip-topper. What a bust, what shoulders, eh? Same time, I prefer the little flower girl any day of the week. I like 'em small and cuddlesome, with fluff hair a nice, blue, pleading sort of eyes, with just a bit of a knowing sparkle somewhere in the background. No, give me my little Daisy Dimple—and I don't care if it snows."

Mordaunt snatched his moist lips.

"She's stand-offish at present," he explained.

"Makes her all the more attractive. I don't care about the girl who chucks herself at your head, first go off. Winning 'em is half the pleasure. But I've made up my mind, Dex, where Daisy Dimple is concerned—if it means marrying her."

He lighted his cigar complacently.

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WHAT ARE URIC ACID TROUBLES?

An explanation of the cause of Gout, Rheumatism, Gravel, Gouty Eczema, Sciatica, Lumbago, Acidity, and other troubles, and most striking evidence of the value of Bishop's Varalettes in all such troubles.

On reaching the period of middle life, many men and women find themselves suffering from slight symptoms, the cause of which they do not understand. They have feelings of irritation between the fingers, in the palms of the hands, about the ankles and feet, small concretions in the outer rim of the ear, little lumps under the skin on arms, breast, or legs, acidity, flatulence, or heartburn. There are other signs, such as the passing of grains of uric acid, torpidity of the liver, with aching in the right side, difficulty in bending, or enlargement of the joints, and passing attacks of gout, rheumatism, gouty eczema, or gravel. These various symptoms and ailments all have the same source.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

They all result from excess of uric acid in the system. Uric acid is a perfectly natural product of the body, but requires to be eliminated, and while youthful vigour is strong and plenty of exercise is taken this happens painlessly and unconsciously. As middle age approaches the tendency is to take less exercise, and the food taken is frequently more than is absolutely necessary. As a result uric acid is retained and accumulations of the urates are formed. Such accumulations cause trouble, which may be very slight at the outset, but the discomfort will increase in intensity and frequency.

DANGER OF DELAY

When such symptoms exist they cannot safely be neglected or ignored. They will not cure themselves. Every day adds to the accumulation, and every day's delay strengthens the hold of the affection on the system, and makes it more difficult to eradicate. Evidently, then, the right time to commence your treatment is the present. There is no time like the present, and when you may easily put yourself right in a manner which is easy, convenient, pleasant, and effectual, there can be no reason for delay. If you recognise the symptoms under discussion as personal to yourself you should commence applying the remedy indicated at the earliest possible moment.

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First and foremost, the cook must do all in her power to tempt jaded appetites. To do this she must appeal to the eye as well as to the palate; a very important point to remember.

Follow these recipes carefully and you will find them much appreciated by your family.

EGGS IN ASPIC.

INGREDIENTS.—Three hard-boiled eggs, aspic jelly, a few sprigs of chervil or truffle for decoration.

Rinse out some small dariole moulds with cold water, pour a little melted aspic jelly into each, and let it set. Next decorate the moulds prettily with either little shapes of truffle or sprigs of chervil; put a few drops of jelly on them to set the decoration. Shell the eggs and cut each into four lengthways; put a quarter in each mould (if there seems plenty of room put in two), fill the moulds with aspic jelly, and leave them till set. Then dip the moulds in tepid water and turn the jellies on to a dish. Arrange them in a circle with a circle of nice salad round.

EGG BEIGNETS.

INGREDIENTS.—Four hard-boiled eggs, one ounce of butter, one ounce of flour, half a pint of milk, salt and pepper, a little chopped parsley.

For the Batter: Quarter of a pound of flour, quarter of a pint of cold water, one tablespoonful of salad oil or melted dripping, quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, two eggs.

Chop the eggs finely. Melt the butter in a pan, stir in the flour, then add the milk gradually and stir it over the fire till the sauce boils and thickens. Now add the eggs, salt, pepper, and parsley. Mix all well together, and spread the mixture on a plate to cool. Next prepare the batter—mix together the flour and salt, stir into it smoothly the water and oil, beat the whites of eggs very stiffly, and stir the result lightly into the batter. Form the mixture into small balls, dip each into the batter, and fry it a golden brown in hot fat from which a faint bluish smoke rises. Drain them on kitchen paper and serve them garnished with fried parsley.

VEAL GELATINE.

INGREDIENTS.—A small breast of veal, one pound of sausages, half a pound of cooked ham or bacon, a good seasoning of salt, pepper, and grated nutmeg, two hard-boiled eggs.

Take out the bones and tendons from the veal, lay the meat flat on the table, and sprinkle it well with salt and pepper. Skin the sausages, then add to the meat a good dust of nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Cut the eggs and the bacon into strips. Spread half the sausage meat over the veal, then arrange the egg and bacon in alternate lines down it, and next spread on the rest of the meat. Roll the veal up neatly from side to side. Wrap a pudding cloth out in boiling water, then roll the meat tightly up in it, tying the ends securely. Put it into the stock-pot and let it simmer steadily for two hours. Then untie the cloth and re-roll the pudding tightly in it, put it on a dish, and place another dish on this with two weights at even distances on it. Leave it till cold, then trim off a

piece from each end, and brush the roll over with melted glaze.

If you have no stock-pot cook the gelatine in water to which you have added a carrot, turnip, onion, stick of celery, and a bunch of parsley and herbs.

MACARONI A LA SICILIENNE.

INGREDIENTS.—Four ounces of cooked macaroni, four ounces of cooked veal, two ounces of cooked ham, about a quarter of a pint of sauce, and the same of grated cheese, two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley, about one ounce of butter.

If possible use a pretty fire-proof dish for this. Butter the inside thickly with butter, then sprinkle in the parsley. The macaroni should be cut into inch lengths and cooked till tender in plenty of fast boiling salted water; it should then be drained well. Cut the meat into small cubes; on the

parsley put a layer of cheese, then a layer of meat and seasoning, and so on till the dish is full, then pour in the sauce, and, lastly, put a layer of cheese on the top. Put the dish in the oven until the contents are hot through; the cheese should be nicely browned on top. Serve it at once. Any scraps of cold meat are excellent done this way.

CHICKEN MAYONNAISE.

INGREDIENTS.—Cold chicken, one or more lettuce, a few slices of cucumber, tomato, and beetroot, a little cress.

Cut up the remains of cold chicken into neat, small dice, wash and lightly dry the lettuce, then tear it into small pieces, and mix it with the cress. Put the chicken and lettuce into a salad bowl, and arrange the cucumber, beetroot, and tomato prettily round the base. Serve with it some good mayonnaise sauce.



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ONE FALSE STEP.

(Continued from page 11.)

"I know my game. I've given her to understand that she's only got to make herself nice to me, plead with me prettily, and back her brother comes to my office. And that business, too, of hers. A little more capital behind it, and bigger premises—all to be had."

Besides a house in the north-west of London, Mordaunt rented a luxurious bungalow on the river and an extensive suite of rooms in a fashionable London hotel; but, on reaching the hotel, Dexter declined his friend's invitation to come in and crack a bottle. He was abstemious, Mr. Dexter, too much of an epicure, in his quiet, unobtrusive way, to ruin his health or his appetite by any kind of excess.

Proceeding along the Strand on foot, he purchased an evening paper.

After consulting it he shook his head.

CHAPTER XI.

Chester waited till Mordaunt had quitted the flower-shop; then turned to Miss Peyton, who had paused for a moment from her work and was looking at him with polite inquiry. They were strangers to each other.

"I'm an old friend of Miss Mayfield's," he said unthinkingly, and crumpling up the newspaper in his nervous hands. "I know she won't mind me

going into her office. I've something to say to her."

Without waiting for reply, he passed quickly into the inner office.

Queenie crouched at the little table. The office door swung to automatically behind Chester.

Without hesitation he put a strong, comforting arm round her. It was one of those moments when sex differences cease to exist.

"Wait—wait till I come back, little girl," he whispered hoarsely. "Wait—and hope till then."

And he was gone from the office, and gone from the shop.

Pollie Peyton went quickly into the inner office. It was a badly-lighted little place.

"Was I right, Queenie," she said. "He said he was an old—"

"Quite," whispered the girl. "She was still frozen with horror and fear."

"Why, Queenie, what is it? What has happened?"

And Mary Peyton circled her arms round her friend.

"Something you've seen in the paper?" she asked.

"Yes—no! I don't know—I can't tell! Don't ask me! I—just want to be alone, Pollie, that's all."

"Can't I—"

"No," shivered the girl. "If I can't bear it, I'll call to you. But do go, please!"

And Mary Peyton crept quietly from the little office. The door closed as half a dozen young exquisites, a credit to and the joy of their tailors,

strolled into the shop. But they were better-mannered, if not so largely endowed with brains as Mr. Hesper Mordaunt.

They lounged on the counter and made a pretence of selecting posies, indulging in light banter, for Pollie Peyton was a favourite by reason of her personality rather than her personal appearance, though good teeth and nice eyes and a "jolly" expression sometimes form a combination that is very attractive.

So laughter and light banter filled the little shop, while silent tragedy crouched in the office beyond. But as in the shop so in the world. The thinnest of partitions frequently separate tragedy from comedy.

Queenie's lips were moving swiftly now in voiceless, incoherent prayer.

A louder burst of young men's laughter, occasioned by a remark from a monocular young gentleman hardly out of his teens, filled the shop.

"I wish you'd go," said Pollie Peyton almost fiercely, and utterly forgetting business manners, "instead of behaving like a lot of silly children."

But they refused to take her seriously.

"By Jove," replied the youth with a monocular, "but you'd make an awful good schoolmistress, though, Miss Peyton."

And at this brilliant piece of repartee there was yet louder merriment.

Queenie thrust her fingers into her ears and prayed more fiercely. One thought only was in her mind:

"What was lying at the mortuary?"

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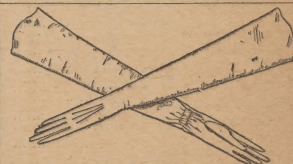
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SATURDAY'S SPORTS.

Shrub in Form Again—Hyman's Bad Luck—Success of Amateur Champions.

There was a clashing of important sports meetings in the provinces on Saturday, when some excellent performances were accomplished.

At the Birmingham Athletic Club's sports H. A. Hyman, of Pennsylvania University, U.S.A., the 220yds. champion, won the 300yds. scratch race in 31sec. The American, who ran magnificently, was timed on no fewer than six watches, one of which was held by C. G. Wood, whose 31.25sec. accomplished eighteen years ago, will still rank as British amateur record for 300yds., because, unfortunately for Hyman, the course on Saturday was found to be 4ft. 6in. short of the distance. A match at 300yds. has been arranged to take place between Hyman and C. H. Jupp, of the London Athletic Club, at the Public Schools meeting at Stamford Bridge on July 29.

In a one mile relay race between teams of eight a side each man running a mile, the Rest of England and the London Athletic Club by 8yds., in the record time of 3min. 3.4sec., but the track was 4ft. 6in. short in each quarter of a mile.

RUSSELL SUCCESSFUL AT ASTON.

A. Russell, of Walsall, the steeplechase champion, won a 1,000yds. steeplechase at Aston Police sports. At the same meeting J. T. Marrie, of Birmingham, won the quarter-mile bicycle championship of the Midlands.

CHAMPIONS AT WIDNES.

J. W. Morton, the 100 yards champion, J. B. Taylor, of Pennsylvania University, U.S.A., and A. Shrub, who has held so many championships, were successful competitors at Widnes sports.

The coloured crack from the Quaker City won the quarter-mile handicap from scratch in the excellent time of 30.4sec.; Morton won the 100 yards scratch race by a foot from J. E. Stark, the Scottish sprint champion, in 10.25sec.; and Shrub easily won the two miles scratch race in 9min. 27.4sec., time which promised an early return to the form which he displayed before competing under the Southern Cross.

CYCLING CHAMPIONS AT BRISTOL.

C. E. Baker, the Welsh cycling champion, Leon Meredith, the 100 kilometres amateur champion, and A. E. Smith, twenty-five miles national champion, were amongst the competitors at Bristol Police sports. The Carmarthen crack finished first in a mile relay race, but in a five miles race was defeated by both the London riders, of whom Meredith was first and Willis second.

RECORD BEATEN AT MANCHESTER.

W. T. Hall, the well-known professional cyclist, made several successful attacks on cinder-track records at Rawfold, Manchester. From a flying start, Hall covered one mile in 1min. 20.8sec., five miles in 7min. 38.1sec., and nine miles 1,245 yards in 15min. 11.1sec. At the same meeting the ten miles scratch race for the Maratti Cup was won by J. S. Benyon, the one and a half miles British Empire champion, Ernest Payne, of Worcester, last year's winner, fell.

SCOTTISH SPORTS.

The quarter-mile amateur champion, Wyndham Halswelle, who is a lieutenant in the regiment of sportsmen, the 2nd Highland Light Infantry, won the 300yds. handicap at the St. Bernard Football Club's sports at Edinburgh from the 90yds. mark in 38.24sec. J. McCough, the Scottish champion, won the mile handicap from scratch in the fast time of 4min. 50.13sec. At the Bellhaven grounds, Wishaw, the Scottish Cycling Club's annual mile Western District championship was won by H. Alexander, of Pollokshaws, by a foot from J. Gilchrist, Wishaw, in 4min. 38.1sec.

KEEN CYCLING AT THE PALACE.

Two open cycling events were included in the programme of the Railway Racing House sports at the Crystal Palace on Saturday. These were a quarter-mile and half-mile handicaps. Keen cycling was the result, and the finals were the rule rather than the exception. After great perseverance since the season opened, R. Jones, of the Amey, was at last rewarded with victory in the quarter. He led all the way from the fifty-five yards mark, beating W. G. Upward, Polytechnic (47), by a length, and E. Kitchen, of the Oval, his close marksmen, by two lengths in 29.2sec. All three placed men in the half-mile were Poly. boys. P. J. Curlew (70) was first over the line, despite a plucky effort on the part of W. T. Hobercraft (35) to overtake him. P. M. Evans (85), who is in the novitiate, and who shows signs of coming to the fore, was third close up to the pair.

OTHER GOOD PERFORMANCES.

At Putney A. Rushen, Paddington C.C., a steadily improving rider, won a five miles scratch cycle race. F. Wills, a brother of the National champion, E. H. Middleton, the well-known walker, and W. Baker, the Brighton athlete, were successful competitors at Reigate. H. B. Neal, 80 yards start, won the half-mile handicap at the Crystal Palace in the first time of 1min. 35.4sec. W. A. Russell and A. A. Wilson showed good form at the Guildhall C. and A.C. meeting at Ilford.

THAMES REGATTAS.

There was an excellent entry for Kingston Regatta on Saturday, and some good racing was witnessed by a large attendance. The programme included five eight-oar races. London beat Thames and Kingston in the Challenge Eight; Twickenham won the Coronation Cup Eight, Molesey being well beaten in the final; Vesta beat Thames in the senior-juniors eight and Molesey won the junior eight from an entry of six crews.

In the Senior Fours Thames beat London easily, and Amroil won the junior four from the four from Black Bank. The senior sculls went to G. G. Russell (King's College, Cambridge), and the junior sculls to A. A. Pocock (Amroil). At Maidenhead Regatta on Saturday there was a mixed programme. Reading won the open four, beating Marlow in the final by the narrow margin of 3/4. The start. Mrs. Gordon Arthur was awarded the challenge cup and gold medal in the ladies' punting competition. In the skiff sculling events W. Hesne and C. E. Miles won the men's doubles, and Miss Saunders and R. Saunders the mixed doubles.

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